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BENGALURU
In what is being seen as victory for 1.7 crore workers in the unorganised sector, the State government has been told by the High Court to recalculate the minimum wages that were fixed in 2022. » Page 6

Prakash Rathod criticises Shamanur

BENGALURU
Prakash K. Rathod, MLC, has publicly expressed disappointment and pain over Congress veteran leader Shamanur Shivashankarappa's allegation that Lingayat bureaucrats are getting a "raw deal" in postings. » Page 6

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SC refuses to stay release of Bihar caste survey data

The top court refuses to order status quo even as petitioners flag data was collected unlawfully; dismisses notion that its compilation and publication affects privacy; State told to file its response

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday refused to stay the Bihar government from publishing data collected from its caste-based survey.

A Bench headed by Justice Sanjiv Khanna refused to be bothered by the fact that the State had outed the data when petitions challenging the legality of the survey was pending before the Supreme Court.

"You cannot stop a State government or any government from taking a decision... Yes, if there is an issue with regard to the data, that will be considered," Justice Khanna addressed the petitioners.

The Bench posted the case for next hearing in January 2024, while issuing notice to the State to file its response to the petitions.

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>
> JUSTICE SANJIV KHANNA

'Unlawfully collected'

"The main issue here is that the data was collected unlawfully and cannot be acted upon," advocate Aparajita Singh, who led the petitioners' side, argued.

"You will be in some difficulty on that... we have read the Patna High Court judgment [which upheld the survey] and made a *prima facie* view. The High Court judgment is fairly detailed," Justice Khanna observed.

Justice Khanna said the cardinal issue was "how much breakdown of data would be made available to the general public for the sake of transparency". The court further dismissed the notion that the compilation and publication of data affects privacy.

"Privacy is not an issue as names, etc., are not published," Justice Khanna orally remarked.

Ms. Singh persisted that the court should order status quo as the State would publish more data by the next hearing in January.

"We are not staying this at the moment," Justice Khanna replied, though at one point asking Mr. Diwan why the State had published the data when the case was still pending.

Senior advocate Shyam Diwan, for Bihar, said the petitions were at a pre-admission stage when the court was still deciding whether or not to issue formal notice. He said the data received was extensive and voluntary from the people, and needed to be analysed in detail to help identify welfare areas.

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NewsClick case: FIR points to 'conspiracy'

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

The Delhi police have levelled a range of charges in their First Information Report (FIR) against *NewsClick* founder Prabir Purkayastha, American millionaire Neville Roy Singham, and activist Gautam Navlakha, who is presently under house arrest as accused in a terror case.

Some of the charges are: conspiring to provide legal aid to Chinese telecom companies such as Xiaomi and Vivo are facing tax evasion cases in India; acting against the national interest by promoting a false narrative against India's pharmaceutical industry and the policies of the government in cohort with "anti-national forces"; inciting farmers to protest against the government; creating law and order problems by supporting and funding the farmers agitation to cause a "huge loss of several hundred crores to the Indian economy"; and publishing news funded by money clandestinely routed from China.

Journalists stage a protest against the FIR, in Mumbai on Thursday. EMMANUAL YOGINI

Though Mr. Singham has been named as an accused here, the American businessman, who has donated most of his wealth for several causes, including to *NewsClick* in India, is not known to face any legal or criminal case in the United States. He is currently a resident of China.

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Sikkim flood toll rises to 25; search on for 143 missing

Press Trust of India
GANGTOK/JALPAIGURI

Army and National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams have recovered 25 bodies, including those of seven Army men, from the slush and debris of the flash flood which swept through the Teesta river in Sikkim, officials said on Friday.

The flood which was triggered by a cloud burst in the early hours of Wednesday also resulted in a large number of people going missing. Officials said 143 are still missing though some 2,413 people have been rescued and are in shelters.

Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang announced ex-gratia compensation of ₹4 lakh to the families of those who died in the flash flood.

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Proposal to set up liquor shops in GPs shelved: CM

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After some legislators and women's groups voiced their dissent, the State government has shelved the proposal to grant licences to set up new liquor shops in rural areas.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday announced that the government would not grant licences to set up liquor shops in gram panchayat (GP) limits with more than 3,000 population.

Minister's proposal

Speaking to reporters at Chitradurga, the Chief Minister said Excise Minister R.B. Timmapur had mooted the proposal to grant licences to establish liquor shops in rural areas. However, the government had decided against its implementation, he said. The Minister had proposed granting licence to close to 400 liquor shops across the State.

Opposition

A couple of days ago, senior Congress MLA B.R. Patil had raised his voice against the State government's proposal and remarked that "the government should not run with the poor people's money". The Opposition had also opposed it, saying it makes a mockery of "guarantee" schemes if the money for it comes from liquor sales.

SALE OF IML DOWN
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Double delight

Fantastic finish: Harmanpreet Singh, left, led from the front with two goals as India swamped Japan 5-1 to regain the Asian Games hockey gold at Hangzhou on Friday. The triumph also ensured an automatic qualification to the Paris Olympics next year. PTI

Pak. journalists await visas for World Cup

V.S. Aravind
HYDERABAD

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) is still awaiting visa clearance for its media contingent and fans to travel to India for the ongoing 2023 ODI World Cup.

Pakistan opened its World Cup campaign against the Netherlands at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium here, and journalists from the neighbouring country were not present to cover the game, nor were their fans.

Mohammad Bashir, better known as Bashir Chacha, was the lone Pakistani supporter present. A resident of Chicago, Mr. Bashir landed in the city a week ago, and got his ticket from a member of the Pakistani team.

According to PCB sources as many as 60 journalists have applied for Indian visas.

Sportstar is in possession of the Pakistan media accreditation list mailed to the Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) by the International Cricket Council (ICC).

"Till now there is no word about the visas, and the World Cup has already started. This is not what we expected, but we are still hoping that the Indian government clears the visas," a PCB source told *Sportstar* from Karachi.

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Nobel Peace Prize 2023 goes to jailed Iranian activist Narges Mohammadi

Associated Press

Imprisoned Iranian activist Narges Mohammadi won the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday in recognition of her tireless campaigning for women's rights and democracy and against the death penalty.

Ms. Mohammadi, 51, has kept up her activism despite numerous arrests by Iranian authorities and spending years behind bars. She has remained a leading light for nationwide, women-led protests, sparked by the death last year of a 22-year-old woman in police custody.

"This prize is first and foremost a recognition of the very important work of a whole movement in Iran with its undisputed leader, Narges Mohammadi," said Berit Reiss-Andersen, the chair of the Norwegian Nobel Committee who announced the prize in Oslo.

She said the committee hopes the prize "is an encouragement to continue the work in whichever form this movement finds to be fitting." She also urged Iran to release Ms. Mohammadi in time for the prize ceremony on December 10.

In a statement to *The New York Times*, Ms. Mohammadi said the "global support and recognition of my human rights advocacy makes me more resolved, more responsible, more passionate and more hopeful".

'Victory is near'

"I also hope this recognition makes Iranians protesting for change stronger and more organised," she added. "Victory is near."

Ms. Mohammadi, has been imprisoned 13 times and convicted five times, according to Ms. Reiss-Andersen. In total, she has been sentenced to 31 years in prison. Her most recent incarceration began when she was detained in 2021 after attending a memorial for a person killed in nationwide protests sparked by an increase in gasoline prices. She has been held at Tehran's Evin Prison.

Her brother, Hamidreza Mohammadi, said he has not been in touch with his sister but that the prize "means a lot to her." Despite that and the fact that "the prize means that the world has seen this movement," the award will not affect the situation in Iran, he said.

Ms. Mohammadi is the 19th woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize, and the second Iranian woman.

New Maldives President won't be anti-India or pro-China: Nasheed

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

The new Maldives President-elect's transition team hopes to invite Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the swearing-in ceremony of Mohamed Muizzu in Male next month, says Maldives speaker and former President Mohamed Nasheed.

In an interview to *The Hindu*, Mr. Nasheed – who has broken away from outgoing President Ibu Solih and his Maldivian Democratic Party (MDP) to form his own party, which could join the incoming government – said that he would also send an invitation to Mr. Modi for the ceremony expected to be held on November 17. He stressed his belief that the new Maldivian President would not be "anti-India" or "pro-China", as he has generally been portrayed in recent commentary.

> The international media has characterised our election as between India and China, and also has characterised Dr. Muizzu as pro-China. I don't think all this was exactly true
>
> MOHAMED NASHEED
> Former President of the Maldives

Mr. Modi had attended Mr. Solih's swearing-in ceremony in 2018, a rare gesture that he has not made for any other leader in the neighbourhood thus far.

Dr. Muizzu – the former Mayor of Male who campaigned on a "sovereignty" plank in the election – had served in the Yameen government as Minister for Housing (2013-2018), and was responsible for many of the infrastructure projects that Chinese companies won at the time, leading to the impression that he will follow the policies that had earlier strained ties with India.

"The international media has characterised our election as between India and China, and also characterised Dr. Muizzu as pro-China. I don't think all this was exactly true," Mr. Nasheed said, claiming that the "India Out" campaign started by the Progressive Party of Maldives (PPM), which is part of the ruling coalition, was not the "main election issue".

Anti-incumbency was the chief reason for the MDP's loss in the Presidential run-off poll held last Saturday, the former President said.

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Electric Son turbocharging Spurs' Angeball revolution

Tottenham's captain is thriving in his new role as a central striker under manager Ange Postecoglou. Already a cult hero, he can attain an even more exalted status after Harry Kane's departure to Bayern Munich — that of talisman

Reuters
Agence France-Presse

Attempting to fill a Harry Kane-sized hole in any squad is a headache for a manager.

Considering how central the 30-year-old was to Tottenham Hotspur's football and identity, new manager Ange Postecoglou was confronted by an even more demanding task. Kane had grown into a talismanic figure at Spurs, which had become increasingly dependent on the England captain. Last season, he scored 43% of the side's Premier League goals and contributed to a large proportion of the remainder in his role as one of the world's best playmaking No. 9s.

Kane's departure to Bayern Munich in the summer – in pursuit of the first silverware of his career – meant that Tottenham, for the first time since 2014, was unable to call upon its standard-bearer for a north London league derby against rival Arsenal last month. Kane, the club's all-time top-scorer, also has the most goals in the derby's history: an impressive 14.

> The gaffer has a plan. Sometimes I will play as a winger and sometimes I will play as a striker. If he plays me as a fullback, then I will do that for him... I will do whatever he asks
>
> **SON HEUNG-MIN**

Stepping up in style

But Son Heung-min stepped into the breach, producing two silky finishes, one in each half, which ensured that the 194th edition of the London rivalry ended with honours even. Son has a reputation for being a lethal finisher who delivers in the clutch – in the absence of Kane, with whom he had formed a deadly strike partnership, the South Korean forward enhanced his standing with a performance that proved Postecoglou was right to trust him.

Son, whom Postecoglou named Spurs captain on the day Kane joined Bayern, played as a centre-forward against Arsenal. While he did not replicate his former teammate's all-around style, he did everything his manager asked of him to a high standard, leading the press, pinning the centre-backs, and making runs behind the last line of defence to devastating effect.

Son found the back of the net again last weekend, in the controversial 2-1 win over Liverpool, taking his tally to six Premier League goals this season, second only to Erling Haaland's eight.

Postecoglou had said Son could play as the central striker in his system, but had started his new captain on the wing in the season's first three games. It was against Burnley that Son first found himself in the No. 9 role. He scored a hat-trick in a 5-2 win and has not looked back since.

"He's been outstanding as a leader and as a player. I've put him in that nine position now and he just works so hard," Postecoglou said. "His first thought is what's best for the team. And he puts himself into that position and then he has the quality to finish."

Against Burnley, Son led Tottenham's high press – vital for a side that wants possession of the ball – with great intensity. At 31, he recorded the most sprints (27), the third-most intensive runs (288), and the most pressures (49), with 11 of those pressures leading to turnovers. More to the point, Son has shown he can repeat these efforts in his other starts at No. 9.

Doing it his way

While Kane was a high-touch No. 9 – he liked the ball at his feet, with a lot of Spurs' attacking moves flowing through him – Son appears to have been instructed to perform a low-touch role. His job in possession is to push the opposition's last line back with his positioning, dynamism and goal-threat, buying his midfielders space and time.

Once he realises he has an opening, either to meet a cross or a cutback from wide or to run onto a through-ball from midfield, he explodes into action with intelligent, incisive runs

Effectively, Postecoglou has replaced Kane's output by marrying Son's elite movement with new signing James Maddison's creative passing. Maddison is clearly enjoying his still-developing partnership with the South Korean.

"In the last weeks Sonny has gone more central and is playing as the nine. As a number eight or 10, you want to have a nice relationship with your striker, he's the one you are looking for," said Maddison. "We get on really well, which helps on the pitch. In training when we are working on little through balls, we are still figuring each other out. But I'm starting to know what he likes."

Postecoglou's team sits second in the table after going unbeaten in the Australian's first seven Premier League games in charge. His impact on the club has been remarkable since his close-season arrival from Celtic. He has lifted the gloom left by his predecessor Antonio Conte's troubled reign. Spurs has enjoyed more than its share of good fortune, but it is playing eye-catching football, dubbed Angeball, and looking a real threat.

The players also appear to enjoy Postecoglou's leadership, something Son is feeding off. "If you think about why you started playing football as a kid, you are just having fun with your ball," said the Spurs captain. "I think it's very important, having fun. It helps you with your confidence and your self-belief. There's a lot of pressure playing in a Premier League team. I try to be an example, try to smile and take responsibility on and off the pitch."

> Sonny, whether he's playing central or wide, has got all the characteristics. He can play in any system, but the way we play, he's ideal
>
> **ANGE POSTECOGLOU**
> Tottenham manager

Fuelled by disappointment

The start to this season is markedly different from 2022-23, when Son struggled physically. Having won the Premier League Golden Boot for the most goals in 2021-22 with 23 strikes, he scored only 10 times last season as Spurs finished eighth.

Son played while dealing with a hernia last season, delaying surgery because he felt he could not let the team down. He also suffered multiple fractures around his left eye just before the mid-season World Cup. "I was in pain every single moment, literally," he said.

Son did enjoy a historically significant moment last season, becoming the first Asian player to score 100 times in the Premier League, but 2022-23 was a low point. It did, however, fill him with the determination "to prove [in 2023-24] that I'm the Sonny that we all know".

So he turned down a lucrative offer from Saudi Arabia in the summer and made a vow to "give back to the club where I belong". Son has enjoyed a remarkable career with Tottenham, scoring 151 goals (and assisting 80) in all competitions since signing from Bayer Leverkusen for what now looks a bargain £22 million in 2015. Already a cult hero at Spurs, he can attain an even more exalted status – that of Tottenham talisman.

The manner in which he has started 2023-24, powering the Angeball revolution, suggests he is well on his way towards earning that honour.

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Novak Djokovic	36	11,545	18
2	Carlos Alcaraz	20	8,715	18
3	Daniil Medvedev	27	7,490	22
4	Jannik Sinner	22	4,910	22
5	Holger Rune	20	4,640	21
6	Stefanos Tsitsipas	25	4,615	24
7	Andrey Rublev	25	4,550	26
8	Taylor Fritz	25	3,865	27
9	Casper Ruud	24	3,605	24
10	Alexander Zverev	26	3,450	23
11	Alex de Minaur	24	2,685	25
12	Tommy Paul	26	2,660	26
13	Frances Tiafoe	25	2,645	23
14	Karen Khachanov	27	2,385	21
15	Felix Auger-Aliassime	23	2,340	23

Top Indians ▶

Sumit Nagal
Rank 157 ▲ 4 spots

Mukund Sasikumar
Rank 424 ▲ 2 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Aryna Sabalenka	25	9,266	17
2	Iga Swiatek	22	8,195	19
3	Coco Gauff	19	6,165	20
4	Jessica Pegula	29	5,755	19
5	Elena Rybakina	24	5,665	18
6	Maria Sakkari	28	4,360	25
7	Ons Jabeur	29	3,875	19
8	Marketa Vondrousova	24	3,830	17
9	Karolina Muchova	27	3,765	18
10	Caroline Garcia	29	3,335	26
11	Barbora Krejcikova	27	3,165	21
12	Madison Keys	28	2,940	21
13	Daria Kasatkina	26	2,790	25
14	Petra Kvitova	33	2,695	17
15	Belinda Bencic	26	2,655	21

Top Indians ▶

Ankita Raina
Rank 198 ▲▼ No change

Karman Thandi
Rank 232 ▼ 4 spots

F1 Drivers' standings

#	Driver	Team	Points	Wins
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull	400	13
2	Sergio Perez	Red Bull	223	2
3	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	190	0
4	Fernando Alonso	Aston Martin	174	0
5	Carlos Sainz	Ferrari	150	1
6	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	135	0
7	Lando Norris	McLaren	115	0
8	George Russell	Mercedes	115	0
9	Oscar Piastri	McLaren	57	0
10	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	47	0
11	Pierre Gasly	Alpine	46	0
12	Esteban Ocon	Alpine	38	0
13	Alex Albon	Williams	21	0
14	Nico Hulkenberg	Haas	9	0
15	Valtteri Bottas	Alfa Romeo	6	0
16	Zhou Guanyu	Alfa Romeo	4	0
17	Yuki Tsunoda	AlphaTauri	3	0
18	Kevin Magnussen	Haas	3	0
19	Liam Lawson	AlphaTauri	2	0
20	Logan Sargeant	Williams	0	0

Max Verstappen

Sergio Perez

F1 Constructors' standings

Pos	Team	Points	Wins
1	Red Bull	623	15
2	Mercedes	305	0
3	Ferrari	285	1
4	Aston Martin	221	0
5	McLaren	172	0
6	Alpine	84	0
7	Williams	21	0
8	Haas	12	0
9	Alfa Romeo	10	0
10	AlphaTauri	5	0

Badminton Men's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Viktor Axelsen	107,455	15
2	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting	86,431	18
3	Kodai Naraoka	81,315	22
4	Kunlavut Vitidsarn	79,778	16
5	Jonatan Christie	78,171	17
6	Shi Yu Qi	76,024	20
7	Prannoy H.S.	72,437	20
8	Li Shi Feng	71,748	22
9	Loh Kean Yew	71,062	22
10	Anders Antonsen	64,510	16
11	Lu Guang Zu	61,860	20
12	Kenta Nishimoto	60,507	24
13	Chou Tien Chen	60,317	23
14	Lakshya Sen	59,581	21
15	Kanta Tsuneyama	58,341	23

Top Indians ▶

Prannoy H. S.
Rank 7

Lakshya Sen
Rank 14

Badminton Women's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	An Se Young	110,514	16
2	Akane Yamaguchi	100,717	18
3	Chen Yu Fei	92,296	15
4	Tai Tzu Ying	88,486	15
5	He Bing Jiao	83,274	17
6	Carolina Marin	80,870	17
7	Gregoria Mariska Tunjung	68,341	22
8	Ratchanok Intanon	67,623	18
9	Han Yue	64,108	23
10	Beiwen Zhang	60,710	22
11	Wang Zhi Yi	59,390	18
12	Pornpawee Chochuwong	55,729	22
13	Zhang Yi Man	53,874	21
14	Mia Blichfeldt	51,959	20
15	P.V. Sindhu	51,770	18

Top Indians ▶

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 15

Aakarshi Kashyap
Rank 42

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Kane Williamson	883	919
2	Joe Root	859	923
3	Steve Smith	842	947
4	Babar Azam	829	882
5	Marnus Labuschagne	826	937
6	Travis Head	818	884
7	Usman Khawaja	796	847
8	Daryl Mitchell	792	800
9	Harry Brook	773	773
10	Rohit Sharma	759	813

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	R. Ashwin	879	904
2	Kagiso Rabada	825	902
3	Ravindra Jadeja	782	899
4	Stuart Broad	776	880
5	Pat Cummins	775	914
6	Shaheen Afridi	762	836
6	Ollie Robinson	762	820
8	James Anderson	761	903
9	Nathan Lyon	760	799
10	Jasprit Bumrah	756	835

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Babar Azam	857	898
2	Shubman Gill	839	847
3	Rassie van der Dussen	743	796
4	Harry Tector	729	729
4	David Warner	729	880
6	Imam-ul-Haq	728	815
7	Quinton de Kock	714	813
8	Heinrich Klaasen	698	709
9	Virat Kohli	696	911
10	Rohit Sharma	695	885

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Mohammed Siraj	669	736
1	Josh Hazlewood	669	733
3	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	657	712
4	Rashid Khan	655	806
5	Trent Boult	653	775
6	Shaheen Afridi	632	688
7	Adam Zampa	631	670
8	Mitchell Starc	628	783
9	Matt Henry	626	691
10	Mohammad Nabi	621	657

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Suryakumar Yadav	880	910
2	Mohammad Rizwan	803	875
3	Aiden Markram	756	796
4	Babar Azam	748	896
5	Rilee Rossouw	702	724
6	Dawid Malan	691	915
7	Muhammad Waseem	675	716
8	Jos Buttler	666	674
9	Aaron Finch	660	900
10	Reeza Hendricks	657	661

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Rashid Khan	713	816
2	Wanindu Hasaranga	686	797
3	Maheesh Theekshana	684	684
4	Adil Rashid	679	746
5	Fazalhaq Farooqi	677	692
6	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	676	745
7	Josh Hazlewood	670	806
8	Sam Curran	659	688
9	Adam Zampa	657	743
10	Akeal Hosein	655	681

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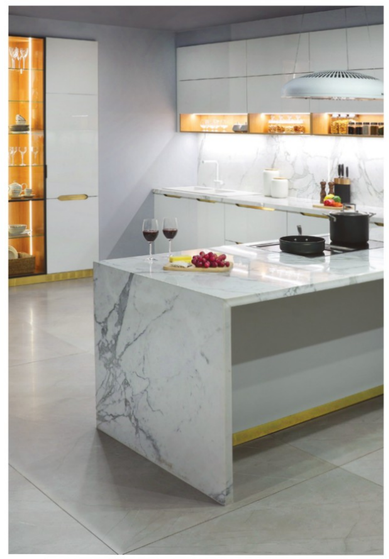

INBRIEF

Free camp for people with motor neurone disease

Dr. Shyama Narang Foundation, in association with BRAINS Superspeciality Hospital, is conducting a free camp for patients with motor neurone disease (MND) and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) on its premises in Jayanagar. The camp, which will include consultation, evaluation and counselling, opened on October 3 and will go on till October 30, between 10.30 a.m. and 4 p.m. on all days except Sundays. In addition, free genetic testing will also be done in association with CSIR-Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology, New Delhi. This testing will enable the identification of genetic variety and subgroups, predict prognosis and transmission, as well as the futuristic possibility of drug discovery or drug repurposing. Details can be had on 9148080000.

KSRTC to induct 40 non-AC, sleeper buses named 'Pallakki'

The KSRTC will launch on Saturday 40 non-A/C sleeper buses and 100 new Sarige variants to strengthen its fleet. The new buses will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy at the grand steps of the Vidhana Soudha, officials from the KSRTC said. The sleeper bus, named as 'Pallakki', will ply inter-city and long distance routes.

After the government launched the Shakti scheme, allowing women to travel for free in State-run RTCs, the four corporations (KSRTC, the BMTC, the NWKRTC, and the KKRTC) have planned to procure 1,894 new buses this year.

'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign

KIOCL Ltd. organised 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign (EK Tareek, Ek Ghanta) on October 1 on the theme "Garbage-Free India". On the occasion, KIOCL at corporate wing conducted plogging-cum-awareness campaign jointly with BBMP personnel at Madiwala market, Bengaluru. KIOCL in a release said that the campaign had an active participation of around 115 members consisting of CMD, Directors, senior officers, employees, contract workers and members of the public. Floral tributes were paid to Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri. BBMP workers were honoured on the occasion for their services in and around the office and Kudremukh township, the release said.

Graduation day today

Kammavari Sangham Group of Institutions is organising graduation day of engineering and architecture students for the academic batch of 2019-2023 on Saturday. T.G. Sitharam, Chairman, AICTE, New Delhi, will deliver the graduation day address. M.R. Doreswamy, Chancellor - PES University, will address the graduates and give degree certificates to 551 students.

BBMP fails to implement Animal Birth Control rules on feeding stray dogs

Residents can file a complaint with the Animal Husbandry Department of the civic body about uncontrolled feeding of dogs on streets

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has failed to implement the Animal Birth Control (ABC) rules, 2023, formulated by the Animal Welfare Board of India, which restricts people from feeding stray dogs in areas/streets which are frequented by children and senior citizens.

The High Court of Karnataka, on October 5, expressed concerns over this activity and asked the State government about the implementation of the Animal Welfare Board of India's guidelines for caregivers of street dogs and the ABC programme.

The ABC rules state that caregivers or those who wish to feed the animals have to find a designated spot after discussing with local residents while keeping in mind the territory of dogs. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Dog bite cases

The issue has blown up as allegations of dog menace and hygiene issues in residential areas have come up.

About a month back, Lakshmi S. (name changed) was bitten by a stray dog at J.P. Nagar 3rd phase. The dog was being regularly fed by a resident of the neighbourhood.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Ms. Lakshmi said the dog became aggressive on seeing a food delivery personnel, and instead of chasing him, it bit her. The neighbours did not take any responsibility. After her husband spoke to the neighbour, the latter has now made arrangements to keep the dog inside their house compound. But during the morning and night hours – when the dog is let out – it shows the same behaviour, thereby posing a risk to children in the neighbourhood, she said.

ABC rules

The ABC rules state that caregivers or those who wish to feed the animals have to find a designated spot after discussing with local residents while keeping in mind the territory of dogs. Further, caretakers cannot randomly feed the dogs on the streets and in areas which have more number of children and senior citizens.

An Assistant Director from the Animal Husbandry department said uncontrolled feeding is wrong and people can file a complaint with the BBMP.

The BBMP, after receiving the complaint, will send officials and counsel caretakers about designating a dedicated space for the same.

He further said some dogs are unpredictable and may bite children who are vulnerable. Children and senior citizens cannot easily escape from the dogs.

According to BBMP data, till September, 15,000 dog bite cases have been reported this year. Last year, 22,000 cases were reported.

Free vaccine, injection

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State Health department has directed all government hospitals to provide free Anti-Rabies Vaccine (ARV) and Rabies Immunoglobulin (RIG) injection to all animal bite victims, irrespective of their BPL or APL status.

In a circular issued on Thursday, State Health Commissioner Randeep D. said although rabies is a fatal disease, timely and appropriate treatment can save lives.

These vaccines are vital to prevent the fatal disease, he said.

"Elimination of dog-bite mediated rabies by 2030 is the government's mission under the the National Rabies Control Programme (NRCP). Rabies has been declared as a Notifiable Disease in Karnataka from December 5, 2022. In this regard, ARV and RIG have been made a part of the annual indent supply by Karnatala State Medical Supplies Corporation Ltd. and sufficient stock has to be maintained in all government hospitals," stated the circular.

"No animal bite victim should be denied the treatment irrespective of their possession of APL/BPL card. Therefore, all medical officers are directed to provide ARV and RIG free of cost as per requirement to all animal bite victims. The officers have also been instructed to judiciously use the RIG injection as per NRCP recommendations," the circular added.

Factory employee, two associates held for faking kidnap for ransom

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The R.T. Nagar police cracked a kidnap case and arrested a 26-year-old factory worker who allegedly faked his own kidnapping to extort money from his employer.

The accused Noorul Hussain, a native of West Bengal, was working in a factory owned by Mohammed Asif Habib. Habib used to treat him as a family member and take care of him. But Noorul had other plans and wanted to rob money, said the police.

He hatched a plan to fake his own kidnapping and roped in two of his associates, Abubakar and Ali Raza.

The accused last Friday booked a cab to Mandya and called Habib and told him that Noorul had been kidnapped.

The accused had a plan to take the money and return to his native

The accused demanded ₹2 lakh ransom to be transferred to Noorul's account, and threatened to kill Noorul if Habib failed to do so. The accused also warned Habib not to complain to the police.

Scared, Habib alerted the police seeking help to rescue Noorul. A team of police swung into action and kept track of the mobile phone. The accused was switching off the phone within a few seconds of calling to hoodwink the police's tracking system.

However, the police advised Habib to keep them engaged in talks without paying the ransom and managed to get the real time location of the phone traced to the outskirts of Mandya. The police team, with the help of their Mandya counterparts, rushed to the spot and rescued Noorul and arrested the other two.

After being rescued, Noorul was trying to feign ignorance saying he did not know the accused who kidnapped him. However, when police confronted him with the footage of CCTV camera where the trio was caught moving freely together, Noorul confessed to his crime.

The accused had a plan to take the money and return to his native. He has promised to give ₹50,000 to both of his associates while keeping ₹1 lakh.

The trio have been booked under kidnap and cheating and remanded in judicial custody for further investigation.

Ropeway project at Nandi Hills ascends at slow pace

Jahnavi T. R.
BENGALURU

Almost six months after the foundation was laid for the much-anticipated ropeway at Nandi Hills, construction work has still not begun as the handover of land to the Tourism Department remains incomplete. The alignment for the ropeway project was recently approved by the Karnataka government so that the Tourism Department could work on obtaining a no-objection certificate (NoC) from the Forest Department while also working on land transfer from other departments.

Construction work of the project has not begun as the handover of land to the Tourism Department remains incomplete. FILE PHOTO

The 2.93-km ropeway will have two terminals – one near Nandi Hills Road and the other on top of Nandi Hills. The lower terminal is expected to come up on a 3 acre 20 guntas land parcel which falls under the district administration of Bengaluru Rural (Doddaballapur taluk).

Along with the terminal, in land spaces which span over 4 acre and 10 guntas (which was falling under Chickballapur district administration), Dyanamicx Ropeway Private Limited, the Special Purpose Vehicle which has entered a Public Private Partnership (PPP) with the Tourism Department, plans to set up amenities and a parking lot. "The land has been handed over to the Tourism Department, but some farmers from the nearby areas have filed cases in the court against the sanction of gomala land and gotten stay orders. However, the government is now prepared to file objections on the stay order to get the work going," an official of the Tourism Department revealed.

Amenities

According to sources, the complex will have parking for over 200 cars, 110 bikes, eight buses and tempo travellers along with a food court which can accommodate more than 184 people among other things. The ropeway building will also have a waiting capacity for 600 people.

With over 20 pillars expected to come up between the lower and upper terminals, the Department of Tourism has now applied for NoCs from the Forest Department for forest land on which the pillars will come up. "If there are stretches of private land in between, then we will ask the government to declare the approximately 10-metre stretch where the pillar passes, as no development zones," the official explained.

Further, even though the maintenance of Nandi Hills at the top is taken care of by the Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation in agreement with the Department of Tourism and the Horticulture Department, the ownership of the land still lies with the Horticulture Department. The Tourism Department has now moved a proposal for land transfer to the Horticulture Department, sources revealed.

Two held for beating up autorickshaw driver over road rage

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Hennur police arrested two people who allegedly beat up an autorickshaw driver over road rage in Horamavu on Sunday.

The accused, identified as Raghu and Anil, have been charged under assault and criminal intimidation. According to the police, the accused who were in a car confronted Nanjunda Mahadevashetty, an autorickshaw driver attached to an aggregator, who was dropping off a passenger at Horamavu. Before he could realise it, one of them dragged Nanjunda out and punched him on the face while the others joined the attack. The accused were hurling abuses and showering kicks and punches, while the passengers, including a woman, got down and ran to safety. The woman passenger even requested the attackers to leave the driver alone, but the accused continued to beat up Nanjunda. The trio sped away as one of the passengers pulled out a phone to call the control room.

The victim later approached the police. Based on the complaint, the police tracked down two of the accused, while another accused is absconding.

City Police Commissioner B. Dayananda had instructed the police to book criminal cases against people involved in road rage and open rowdy-sheet against them.

NIMHANS symposium

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NIMHANS will host a symposium on residential rehabilitation models for persons with severe mental illness at NIMHANS South Campus Sakalwara (NSCS) on Saturday. The symposium - titled HARSHA@Sakalwara 2023 - will include discussions on topics such as the merits of hospital versus community-based residential rehabilitation facilities, the role of multidisciplinary mental health teams, and innovative strategies for involving the public in rehabilitation efforts, said a release.

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Valedictory function of Hindi Pakwada in KIOCL Ltd.

The valedictory function of Hindi Pakwada was organized in Pellet Auditorium, Corporate Office, Bengaluru. Dr TG Prabhashankar, "Premi" inaugurated the function by lighting the lamp. He has been awarded the prestigious "Vidya Sagar Honourary Doctorate in Hindi. The Chief guest released the quarterly Rajbhasha e-magazine "Shriganda". Various Hindu competitions were held and prizes distributed to the winners. Shri T Saminathan, CMD felicitated the Chief guest. Shri BK Mahapatra, D(C), Shri GV Kiran, D(P&P), Shri SVR Chandra Sekhar, Chief Vigilance Officer, Sr Officers, and employees were present on the occasion.

NMDC Limited, Donimalai, Karnataka conducted an interactive session on "Preventive Vigilance and Case Studies"

National Mineral Development Corporation Limited, a major iron ore mining company having its mining projects i.e. Donimalai & Kumaraswamy and Pellet Plant at Donimalai Complex has conducted an interactive session on "Preventive Vigilance and Case Studies" related to Public Procurement, Works & Services and awareness on PIDPI (Public Interest Disclosure & Protection of Informer Resolution). The program started with the

welcoming of Shri B.Vishwantha, IRSS, CVO, NMDC Ltd by Shri Sanjeev Sahi, Chief General Manager DIOM Complex Donimalai, other senior officials and Trade Union leaders. The session was started of with CVO informing the gathering about the activites scheduled and emphasized the role of vigilance in maintaining transparency and accountability in the public procurement process.

NU Hospitals, Shivamogga performs life-changing kidney transplants for young patients

The team of Dr. Praveen Malavade - Transplant Physician, Dr. Pradeepa M G - Transplant and Robotic Urology Surgeon and Dr. Karthik S L - Transplant Anesthetist at NU Hospitals, Shivamogga recently performed three successful kidney transplants for patients under 30 years age group. The patients underwent a life-changing kidney transplant, recovered & in excellent health. NU Hospital in Shivamogga is a renowned healthcare institution dedicated to providing top-tier medical care and pioneering advanced treatment options. With a team of accomplished medical professionals and state-of-the-art facilities, the hospital specialises in various medical disciplines, including transplantation, to ensure optimal outcomes for its patients by the expert team of Doctors.

Logan van Beek charts a 'different way' to the World Cup

The 33-year-old dreamt of featuring on the biggest stage for New Zealand. But he ended up playing an instrumental role in the Netherlands booking its flight to India for the pinnacle event

P.K. Ajith Kumar

Watching the steady rain, first from his hotel room and then from the dressing room at the Greenfield Stadium in Thiruvananthapuram, Logan van Beek felt a sense of deja vu. A year ago, on his last tour of India, the scenario had been similar: there were some frustratingly wet days.

There is one tiny difference, though.

At that time, he was playing for New Zealand-A, in the unofficial Test series against India-A, at Bengaluru and Hubballi, where, one recalls, he bowled a fine spell of swing. Now, he is one of the key players for the Netherlands at the World Cup.

Dominating a Super Over

He has played a significant role in helping the Dutch team catch the flight to India. It was his extraordinary show with both bat and ball in the Super Over against the West Indies that gave his team a vital victory in the World Cup Qualifier. He plundered 30 runs off Jason Holder – and almost apologised to him the next morning – before claiming both the West Indies wickets.

van Beek has a tendency to shine on the big stage. Last year, he took the first-ever hat-trick for the Netherlands in T20I cricket, against Hong Kong at Bulawayo. He is now playing on the biggest stage – the ODI World Cup, a dream of his since he was a little boy.

"I had a great conversation with my 10-year-old self the other night, and we talked about how cool it was that I'm here at a 50-over World Cup," van Beek tells *The Hindu* at Thiruvananthapuram. "And little Logan, from 2000 and living in Christchurch, is very proud of me."

So what would 10-year-old Logan tell him now?

"Lose the expectations," says van Beek. "Enjoy the ride of your cricketing journey. You don't have to be anywhere at a certain time. Yeah. Just go with the flow. Make sure every day you give yourself the best chance to succeed – that is body, mind, skill-wise. And just go with the flow."

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It wasn't the Netherlands that little Logan wanted to play the World Cup for. It was New Zealand, the country he represented at the Under-19 basketball World Championship in 2009 and the Under-19 cricket World Cup the following year, both of which New Zealand hosted.

When paths cross

He met Holder during that tournament. Neither could have imagined that their paths would cross in the most dramatic fashion in Harare more than a decade later.

van Beek remembers clearly the match – and the over – that he will always be remembered for. West Indies, asked to bat at Harare in June, made 374 for six, thanks in no small measure to Nicholas Pooran's 65-ball 104 not out. Teja Nidamanuru's 111 off 76 balls, after coming in at No. 5, kept the Netherlands in the hunt.

When van Beek joined him in the 46th over, 50 were still required. But Nidamanuru was sent back by Holder in the same over.

van Beek then took over. Off the final ball, only one run was needed, but he fell to a diving catch by – who else – Holder off Alzarri Joseph. He had made 28 off 14 balls.

Redemption, however, was minutes away. He asked for it. The coach, Ryan Cook, obliged.

"I think it was just the calmness that I came off the field [with]," he recalls. "When I spoke to Ryan, I kind of looked him in the eye and I said, 'Look, give me redemption'. I wanted to be in that moment. I wanted to finish the game. He looked back at me and said, 'All right, away you go'. It was just a matter of who was going to come with me. You know, there are a number of other guys in the team who could have come in that moment. I think I just knew in myself that I was the man for that moment."

After the game, he felt bad for the man who was at the receiving end of that moment.

"Jason is actually one of my good friends... we've played together for a long time," says van Beek. "During that Under-19 World Cup he came to my home and met my family. So every time he comes back to New Zealand, we catch up and play a game of golf. So it was a little bit bittersweet, really, that he was the bowler."

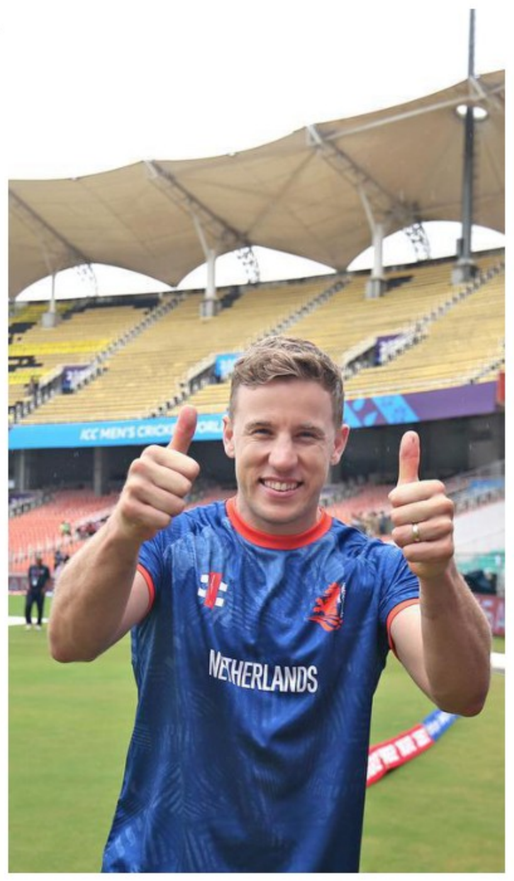
He texted Holder the following day. "I messaged him, saying, 'Look, I'm feeling for you'," says van Beek. "He replied with a wonderful message: 'No, look, man, you're the man. I'm so happy that it was you who did that to me'. It was very nice of him. He is a class individual."

But Holder isn't here for the World Cup. The West Indies didn't qualify. Nor did Zimbabwe and Ireland.

All those Test-playing nations finished behind the Netherlands in the qualifying tournament. The Netherlands is the only ICC associate member to make it to cricket's most prestigious tournament, qualifying for the first time since 2011.

Coffee with Steyn

"The 50-over World Cup is the pinnacle event, and I have been lucky enough to play four T20 World Cups," says van Beek. "You can't write the script, really, in terms of a 50-over World Cup in India. The love and the support and the praise, from the Indian community... and everyone at the hotels, you know, they are smiling, they are wishing us well. I was lucky that this morning I had a coffee with Dale Steyn. And we have got nine opportunities in the tournament."



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He is especially looking forward to the match against New Zealand. "I've got two or three of my best mates in that team, like Matt Henry, Tom Latham and Devon Conway," he says. "And there is Rachin Ravindra. I would like to take their wickets. If I had to choose the top four wickets for me at this World Cup, they are the ones."

van Beek was born in Christchurch but has a Dutch passport, because of his paternal grandparents. His grandfather Sammy Guillen played Test cricket for the West Indies and New Zealand.

"I am lucky that I could play for both New Zealand and the Netherlands," says van Beek. "The dream was to play for New Zealand in the 50-over World Cup, but the fact is that I found a different way to make it happen."

The Netherlands is lucky that van Beek found that way.

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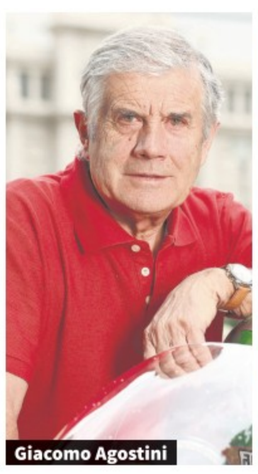
GAME THEORY

Most prolific winners in MotoGP

With the 2023 MotoGP title race heating up, it is a good time to take a look at the finest riders in the sport's history. MotoGP, formerly known as the 500cc class, is the premier class of top-level motorcycle road racing.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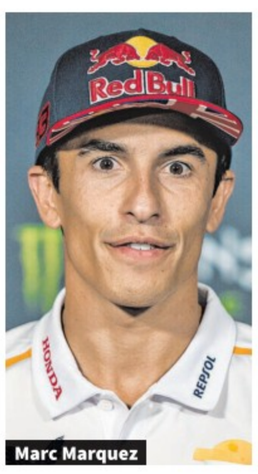
Marc Marquez

Mick Doohan

Most MotoGP/500cc titles

Rider	Country	World titles
Giacomo Agostini	Italy	8
Valentino Rossi	Italy	7
Marc Marquez	Spain	6
Mick Doohan	Australia	5
Mike Hailwood	UK	4
John Surtees	UK	4
Geoff Duke	UK	4
Eddie Lawson	USA	4
Jorge Lorenzo	Spain	3
Kenny Roberts	USA	3
Wayne Rainey	USA	3

Most MotoGP/500cc race wins

Rider	Country	Winning span	Race wins
Valentino Rossi	Italy	2000-2017	89
Giacomo Agostini	Italy	1965-1976	68
Marc Marquez	Spain	2013-2021	59
Mick Doohan	Australia	1990-1998	54
Jorge Lorenzo	Spain	2008-2018	47
Casey Stoner	Australia	2007-2012	38
Mike Hailwood	UK	1961-1967	37
Eddie Lawson	USA	1984-1992	31
Dani Pedrosa	Spain	2006-2017	31
Kevin Schwantz	USA	1988-1994	25
Wayne Rainey	USA	1988-1993	24

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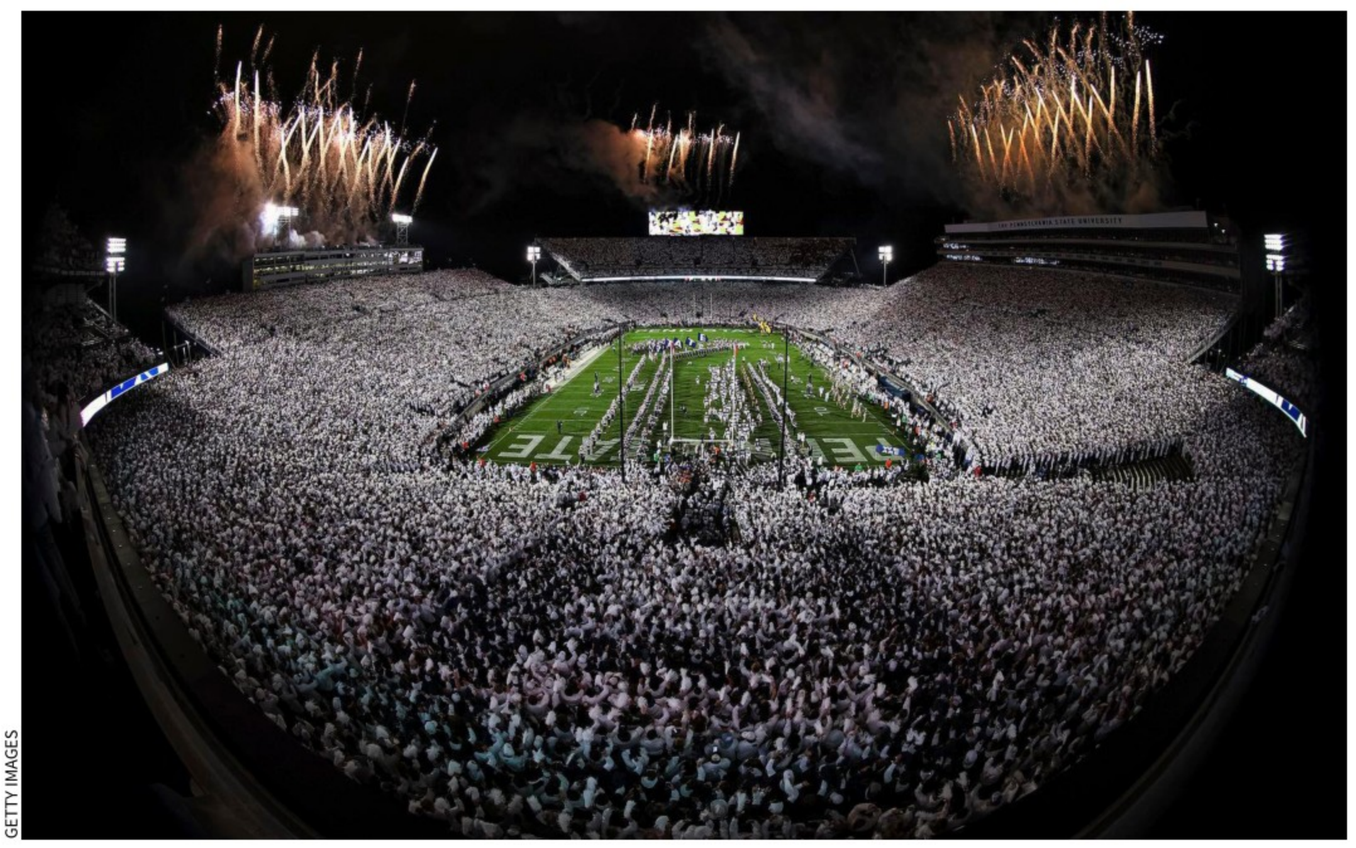

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College ball

This photograph — from the 'White Out' game between Penn State Nittany Lions and Iowa Hawkeyes at Beaver Stadium in Pennsylvania — captures the madness that often breaks out in college gridiron games in the USA.

College football occupies a curious space in American sport. In the absence of official minor league farm organisations, gridiron played by student athletes is regarded as the second tier of American football, one step below the NFL.

Indeed, in some parts of the USA, particularly the south and midwest, college football is reportedly more popular than the professional game. It was also once viewed as more prestigious. Many college games draw large crowds — Beaver Stadium, for instance, can seat more than 105,000 — and boast of proud traditions.

The 'White Out' is a tradition at Penn State home games, where all spectators come dressed in white. It is reportedly among the most expensive regular season games, with ticket prices in excess of $250. Perhaps that's why fans get a fireworks display — more bang for the buck, another cherished American ideal.

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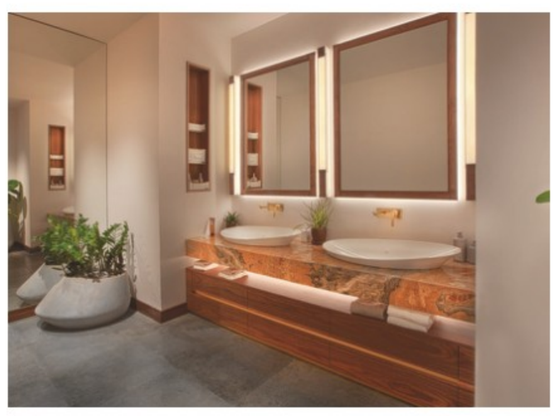

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Four held for running medical seat racket

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BENGALURU

The High Grounds police on Friday arrested four persons for allegedly running an educational consultation agency on Cunningham Road to cheat aspirants of professional courses.

The scam was unearthed by the police following a complaint from a Mysuru-based businessman to whom the accused promised a medical seat for his daughter and took ₹10.8 lakh. The accused have been identified as Nikhil from Uttarakhand and his associates Ashotosh, Basanth Kumar and Ashish from Bihar. The accused are PU dropouts and the prime accused is presently on the run, said the police.

The accused had hired 10 to 12 people as tele-callers to call the candidates who were unsuccessful in getting medical seats through NEET. The police are investigating how the accused had sourced the list of candidates who appeared for the competitive exam. "There are at least four such cases reported in Cubbon Park and Viveknagar, while investigations are on to ascertain the criminal background of the accused," Inspector Bharath, who cracked the case, said.

Timings
BENGALURU

SATURDAY, OCT. 07	
RISE 06:09	SET 18:06
RISE 00:01	SET 13:23
SUNDAY, OCT. 08	
RISE 06:09	SET 18:05
RISE 00:55	SET 14:09
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RISE 01:47	SET 14:51

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	31	24
Mysuru	32	23
Bengaluru	31	22

Bengaluru Today
30°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be slight warm and humid. Spell of light rain and thundershower is likely to occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
30°C The weather will be slight warm and humid. Night will be pleasant. Chances of light rain and thundershower at few places.

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KEA to conduct second stray vacancy round for pending medical seats

The authority has also decided to write to the National Medical Commission to extend the admission dates for medical colleges

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

A file photo of students and parents at the KEA office for document verification. This year, 11,020 medical seats were allotted to Karnataka.

There are 143 unfilled undergraduate medical (MBBS) seats remaining in Karnataka after completion of the medical stray vacancy round recently. On demand from medical seats aspirants, the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has decided to conduct a second stray vacancy round for undergraduate medical seats and has already written to the Union government for permission.

The KEA has also decided to write to the National Medical Commission to extend the admission dates for the medical colleges.

This year, 11,020 medical seats were allotted to Karnataka. The KEA, which is the seat allotment agency of the State, has completed four rounds of NEET counselling, including mop-up round and stray vacancy round, for the undergraduate medical seats.

The KEA announced the medical stray vacancy round on September 28 and completed the admission process on September 30. Earlier, stray vacancy round was the final round for medical seat allotment and all pending seats were filled in this round. However, this year, all other quota medical seats were filled, but around 143 management quota medical seats remain unfilled.

S. Ramya, Executive Director of KEA, told *The Hindu*, "Due to high cost of fees and other issues, many students are not interested to opt for management quota seats in the initial rounds of seat allotment.

They wait for government or private seats. We have already completed four rounds of medical seat allotment and the medical stray vacancy round recently. But many medical seat aspirants who failed to get the seats in four rounds of seat allotment have requested the KEA to conduct a second stray vacancy round for pending medical seats. On their demand, we have decided to conduct this, but the Union government's permission is a must. I have already written letter to the Union government."

Caution deposit
According to the government rules, caution deposit is a must for candidates willing to participate in the UGNEET mop-up round or stray vacancy round. Earlier, the KEA had fixed the caution deposit of ₹1 lakh for candidates who participated in the stray vacancy round. However, now it has decided to revise the caution deposit from ₹1 lakh to ₹10 lakh.

As per the KEA rules, if a candidate gets the medical seat in the second stray vacancy round, the caution deposit will be adjusted towards the fee. In case a candidate gets the medical seat in the second stray vacancy mop-up round and fails to report to the college, then the caution deposit will be forfeited.

Pvt. hospitals told to mandatorily upload disease surveillance data on govt. portals

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

For better surveillance and to detect early warning signals of impending disease outbreaks, the Karnataka's Health Department has directed all private medical establishments (PMEs) to mandatorily upload health management information and disease surveillance on the relevant government portals on a regular basis.

In an order, State Health Commissioner Randeep D. has warned the PMEs action under the Karnataka Private Medical Establishments (KPME) Act if they fail to comply with the directions. "The health management information should be uploaded on the Health Management Information System (HMIS) portal on or before the 5th of every month and disease surveillance data on the Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP) on a daily basis," the Commissioner told *The Hindu* on Friday. The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has posted revised formats on the HMIS and IHIP portals to collect information from private medical establishments, he said.

Not uploading data
Stating that a separate module has been developed in the HMIS portal, the Commissioner said, "Till today, 1,074 PMEs have been recognised and logins created for the users in the HMIS portal. However, we noticed that many establishments have not been updating the information on/before 5th of every month, as mandated."

He said the disease surveillance data from IHIP is used to generate and detect early warning signals of impending outbreaks. This helps to initiate an effective response. Hence, regular reporting of disease surveillance data in IHIP portal is mandated by all PMEs in Karnataka, he said.

"HMIS and IHIP data is being used in the various government review meetings such as Karnataka Development Programme (KDP), State Programme Implementation Plans (PIP), NITI Ayog, SDG (Sustainable Development Goal) and also for reflecting on the Chief Minister's dashboard. It is also used for internal progress review of all the health programmes by the department. Hence, timely uploading and maintenance of the data accuracy on the HMIS and IHIP portal is very essential," he asserted.

Drawing reference to the obligations of private medical establishments under Section 11 (1) of the KPME Act, the Commissioner said it is mandatory under the Act for all PMEs to actively participate in the implementation of all national and State health programmes by furnishing periodic reports.

"I have directed all the district health officers to re-issue instructions to the PMEs in their jurisdiction to upload the above mentioned data on the relevant portals," he said.

PHANA's advisory
Govindaiah Yateesh, president of the Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes Association (PHANA), said most large hospitals are already complying with the direction. "We will again issue an advisory to our member hospitals to mandatorily upload the required information on the government portals," he added.

Saalumarada Thimmakka remains critical

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Saalumarada Thimmakka

Environmentalist and Padma Shri awardee Saalumarada Thimmakka underwent an angioplasty on Thursday, after she suffered a heart attack at a private hospital in Bengaluru.

The 112-year-old environmentalist was admitted to Apollo Speciality Hospital on October 3 for severe exacerbation of bronchial asthma.

While in hospital, she developed severe chest pain and suffered a heart attack on Thursday morning.

Govindaiah Yateesh, unit head of the hospital, told *The Hindu* that although her vital parameters are holding on, she remains critical, but is stable, and will be monitored in the intensive care unit (ICU) over the next 48 hours.

"She experienced discomfort and severe breathlessness on Thursday morning. Following a thorough evaluation, it was determined that she had suffered an acute coronary event. Given her advanced age and existing health conditions, we initially pursued a medical approach. However, due to the persistence of her symptoms, a joint decision was made by the medical team and her family to proceed with an angiogram," he said.

"The angiogram revealed a thrombotic blockage in the Left Anterior Descending (LAD) artery, for which an angioplasty was performed. Because of her age and fragility, she remains critical and is under the close and vigilant monitoring of our pulmonology, cardiology, and ICU teams," he added.

Ironic that some people in ruling party have objections to word 'India' but not 'Hindu': Tharoor

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Congress leader Shashi Tharoor with former Lokayukta N. Santosh Hegde, Minister H.K. Patil, Jnanpith awardee Chandrashekhara Kambara, and writer Hampa Nagarajaiah during the release of a book in Bengaluru on Friday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Former Union Minister and Congress leader Shashi Tharoor on Friday said that it was ironic that some people in the ruling party have objections to the use of the word "India" but use "Hindu" in their slogans though both are from the same etymology.

Adopted from others
"It is interesting that Hindus call themselves by a label that they did not invent themselves in any of their languages, but adopted when others began to refer to them by that word. Originally 'Hindu' simply meant that people beyond Sindhu. Both words come from the same source," he said here. He was speaking at an event to release the translated work of his book "Why I am a Hindu?", translated into Kannada by Congress leader K.E. Radhakrishna as "Naanu Yake Hindu?"

During a brief interaction later, he said that he felt "pluralism" would be more appropriate than "secularism" in the Indian context when compared to secular practises in other countries, especially France. "Secularism (in the Indian context) is a misnomer. It is distancing from religion. India practises pluralism," he said.

Talking of different trends on religion, he said while in many countries a number of people are moving away from religion, and it remains to be seen how Hinduism will grow.

He also said that Hinduism in India is at the crossroads. "People who have come to power after 2014 in the name of political ideology have anchored Hinduism differently," he said.

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The General Public is hereby informed that our client proposes to purchase the Schedule Property from its owners **1)** Sri. Ramesh Kumar Vijan @ Ramesh B. Vijan & Sri. Sudhir Kumar Vijan @ Sudhir B. Vijan **2)** Mrs. Aarti Chhabria **3)** Mr. S. Kishorelal **4)** Mr. Deepak Kumar M.R. & **5)** Mrs. Savinder Kaur Sehgal.

Any person (s), having any manner of right, title, interest, claim etc., over the Schedule Property may lodge his /her /their / its objections or claims in writing with all supporting documentary evidence with regard to such claims with the undersigned within 07 days hereof, failing which, our client will proceed to complete the purchase transaction. Any objections/ claims received thereafter will not be entertained /binding on our client.

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All that piece and parcel of **1)** residential flat having Municipal Number 64, PID Number 48-33-64, located in Ground floor, having super built up area of 2960 Square Feet and Undivided share of land measuring 1556.508 Square Feet **2)** residential flat bearing No.78/2, Municipal Number 66, PID Number 48-33-66, located in First floor, having super built up area of 1460 Square Feet and Undivided share of land measuring 743.373 Square Feet, **3)** residential flat bearing No.78/3, Municipal Number 65, PID Number 48-33-65, located in First floor, having super built up area of 1460 Square Feet and Undivided share of land measuring 743.373 Square Feet **4)** residential flat bearing No.78/4, Municipal Number 67, PID Number 48-33-67, located in Second floor, having super built up area of 1460 Square Feet and Undivided share of land measuring 743.373 Square Feet and **5)** residential flat bearing No.78/5, Municipal Number 68, PID Number 48-33-68, located in Second floor, having super built up area of 1460 Square Feet and Undivided share of land measuring 743.373 Square Feet, in a multi-storied residential building known as **"GANESH BUILDING"** are constructed and erected over the rear portion of Site bearing No.78 (earlier No.23), situated at Kengal Hanumanthaiah Road, Bangalore and the total building is bounded as follows, On the

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General Public is hereby informed that my clients **Mr.B M Thippeswamy** and his wife **Smt. Bhanu Priya,** W/o B M Thippeswamy, have disown all their relations with their son BT Pramod Kumar, due to personal reasons. Both of my clients named above have also disowned and debarred their said son from all their moveable and immoveable properties. Anybody dealing with BT Pramod Kumar will do so at his/her/their own risk and responsibilities and my clients will not be responsible for any act, deed or dealing with BT Pramod Kumar.

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General Public are hereby notified that, Sri. Bharath Narayana N alias Bharath N, aged about 29 years and N Cheluvanarayan uruf Dilip Kumar uruf Deepak N aged about 24 years, both sons of Mr. N Narayan, both residing at No. 229-F1, 3rd main road, 1st cross, 2nd block, Banashankari 3rd stage, Bangalore 560085, has offered to sell the below schedule property to my client representing that they are the absolute owners and are in lawful possession of the same having clear marketable title to convey the same to my client who is desirous to purchase the schedule property for valuable consideration. Negotiations are in process.

As part of due diligence, my client is advised to issue this Public Notice to notify all the general public to enable my client to ascertain if any persons, financial institutions agreement holders, GPA holders, Body Corporate or otherwise are/is claiming any interest whatsoever, in the schedule property or opposing the sale of schedule property whatsoever shall register his/her/its/their claims, if any, with supporting documents to the undersigned WITHIN TEN DAYS from the date of publication of this notice for scrutiny and consideration. Any claims received thereafter would not be considered and my client will proceed and complete the sale with the above property owners treating that there are no objections or claims and that the objections/claims, lien if any are deemed to have been waived.

Schedule Property

All that piece and parcel in respect of BBMP 'A' Khata property bearing PID No. 41-23-15, Municipal New No.15 (old no.20), Katha No. 33, 1st main road, 2nd cross, Jyothi nagara, Mysore road, behind Mysore road metro, measuring 1189 square feet with G+2 floors construction, situated at Gali Anjaneya Temple Ward No. 41 (old deepanjalinagara ward no.158), Deevatige Ramanahalli, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru 560039, measuring East to West 40'+42'/2, North to South 37'+21'/2 and bounded on the East by: 30 Feet Road, West by: Property No.35, North by: Tank Bund and South by: Property No.33

H Shanker Shetty, Advocate
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This is for the information of the General Public that my client Smt. Chetana B R W/o Sri.Gaurishanker Singh, intend to purchase the below mentioned Schedule property from Sri. Balakrishna R Mohite, S/o. Late. Ramachandra Jivaji Rao Mohite, Sri. Raosaheb R Mohite S/o.Late.Ramachandra Jivaji Rao Mohite and Smt. Rajani P Jadhav D/o.Late.Ramachandra Jivaji Rao Mohite W/o.Sri.Panduranga T Jadhav. Hence the public are hereby notified that if anyone has got any valid claim, right, title or interest in relation to the Schedule property he/ she / they shall inform the same within one 15 days from the date of publication of this public notice. Otherwise my client would proceed to purchase the aforesaid property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the House property bearing No. 597, PID No.14-74-597, Situated at 10th 'B' Cross, West of Chord Road, 2nd Stage, Mahalakshmipuram, Bangalore, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No.14, constructed in a house admeasuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 61 feet totally measuring 2440Sq.ft and bounded on:

East by: Site No.598, West by: Site No.596, North by: Site No.594, South by: 10th 'B' Cross.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients intend to purchase the immovable property being an apartment bearing flat No. C2-1073 on the Seventh Floor, Apartment building by name **'SOBHA ASTER'** consisting of Three Bed rooms, having a super built up area of 1,470.87 Square Feet and 316.21 Square Feet of proportionate share in common areas, club house and swimming pool and with One Car Parking space in the basement / ground floor, along with 2.05% measuring 797.43 square feet undivided share, right, title and interest in composite residentially converted land bearing survey No. 113/3, in all measuring about 38,812.99 Square Feet, situated at Bilekahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk and bounded on the East by : By Lands in survey No.113/2 of Bilekahalli Village, West by : By Road and Vijaya Bank Layout, North by : By Road and South by : By Park in Vijaya Bank Layout ,from its present owners Mrs. Bharathi Shah and Mr. Piyush Shah. If there is/are any claim or interest over the Property of whatsoever nature, the interested person/s, bank/s, creditor/s, financial institution/s, firm/s, statutory authorities or any other persons must present his / their / its claims / objections with the undersigned, in writing along with documentary proof, within **Fifteen (15) days** from the date of this publication, failing which our clients will proceed with the sale transaction with the owner named above and all such claims, if any will be treated as waived in respect of the aforesaid property.

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Any person or persons having or claiming any right, title or interest over the schedule property may file their objections with the undersigned with in **7 days** from the publication of this notice with document proof in support of their claim. Failing, my client will proceed to complete the registration of the schedule property before the sub-registrar and any claim received after the stipulated period will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that residential property being Vacant plot bearing **No.147** [carved out of residentially converted land in survey no-42/6, measuring 2 acres, vide Om bearing no-ALN(EVH)SR-690/07-08dt: 14/10/2008], **"Green Park",** Halanayakana Halli village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring East 15.33 mts., West 15.15 mts, North 7.72 mts., South 11.67 mts., in all measuring **1542 sq.ft.,** and bounded as follows:

East by :Site No.118 &119, West by : Road,
North by :Road, South by : Site No.146.

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Structuring it BIG

The IIID, Bengaluru Regional Chapter, recently hosted the Copenhagen and New York-based Architectural Practice, Bjarke Ingels Group, known widely as BIG, writes **Nandhini Sundar**

ARCHITECTURE

It all boils down to form when it comes to liveable spaces, be it a residence, office, institution, retail, hospitality or health centre. How do you craft this form to create liveable city spaces that ensure a sustainable future? The Indian Institute of Interior Designers, Bengaluru Regional Chapter (IIID BRC) recently hosted the Copenhagen and New York-based Architectural Practice, Bjarke Ingels Group, known widely as BIG, to mark the installation of its new Chairperson, Architect Gunjan Das and her team.

Presenting their works to the gathered architect fraternity was Principal Architect Kai-Uwe Bergmann. He started with their 1 sqm design, the COVID-19 shield, during the pandemic and steadily increased the scale, which finally culminated in a million square metre project in New York City. His first project in the long list of his presentation was the design of the 34 sqm single hotel rooms in Sweden, perched on trees in the middle of a dense forest where each room was surrounded by 350 birdhouses. "The resident gets to view the array of bird nesting houses and hear their incessant singing from within the room, offering an unmatched experience of nature", points Bergmann.

Building on water

Moving on to the design of a 700 sqm space in Copenhagen, Bergmann dwelt on a dormitory built for students using upcycled shipping containers, with the entire dorm floating over water. The containers are deftly organised to create a staggered arrangement of 11 individual dorms, with the space between them given attention to creating a gathering open zone. The individual units come with a bedroom, bathroom and kitchen, where solar voltaic tiles address the heating, the grass roof offering passive cooling.

"The cost of these dorms is half of the normal rooms, offering the students budget accommodation while staying in a novel space on the water's edge", states Bergmann. "This 'Blue Urbanism' avoids the crowding of the cities", he adds.

The first project in the presentation of Kai-Uwe Bergmann was the design of the 34 sqm single hotel rooms in Sweden, perched on trees

Currently, 72 dorms have been built, with a request from the UN-Habitat to design a city of 10,000 units of similar residential spaces.

SFC Oceanic City. Image by BIG

Crafting in the twist

Scaling up to 1,400 sqm, Bergmann elaborated on a sculptural connecting bridge built for an art gallery in Norway, from one bank of the river to the other, where the three-storeyed bridge manifests as a stunning edifice with its astounding twist that carries through its entire structural expanse. "The entire structure looks curved, yet the twist has been created by craftily assembling straight pieces to create the dynamic curves", explains Bergmann about their social infrastructure project christened aptly as the Twist.

The 7,000 sqm project presented next was one of restoring a 1930s stately mansion that had housed a bank but had later fallen into total disarray in the city of Paris. BIG took it up and repurposed it into a stately retail store that became an iconic stopover for any visitor to the city. Their 7,700 sqm skyscraper by the Hudson River in New York is the tallest skyscraper in the city, with a European concept of courtyard fused into the edifice piercing the Manhattan skyline. The inspiration of Central Park finds elements of the same packed into this courtyard, the green view and chirping birds experienced inside proving to be a novelty in the dense concrete city. Not surprisingly this built expanse is referred to as the 'Courtscraper'.

Klein. Image by Mathew Carbone.

Bergmann next moved on to their 96,000 sqm project in the city of Shenzhen, which abounds in glass towers, where solar panels cover the glass and make the interiors dark. "The purpose of using glass is then lost. Besides, the glass is not appropriate to use here. You have to create a tropical medium that is appropriate to the environment of the tropics", opines Bergmann.

Capitalising on trash

Their carbon-neutral project, a 2,04,000 sqm tech company, comes with its entire roof covered with a series of photovoltaic tiles, the curves giving the impression of a series of napkins or floating clouds serving as the roof over a series of courtyards, where ample indirect light filters inside. In their 4,10,000 sqm power plant project in Copenhagen, BIG was entrusted with the task of making the building look aesthetic. "This cannot be confined to just wrapping the building", points Bergmann. BIG then came up with an astounding idea of using trash not only to generate power but also to turn it into a ski slope.

The final project presented, a one million square metre project in Manhattan City, serves as a wrapping piece of infrastructure around Manhattan that would aid in protecting the city from flooding when a storm hits. "It also serves as a facelift for the city where there is provision for all ages to enjoy the emerging spaces".

While these projects of BIG prevail on Mother Earth, the firm also decided to have its sights on outer space and successfully landed a project there, too. BIG has been requested by NASA to 3D print the first residence on the moon using moon dust and a 3D printer. Explorations on the possibilities of executing this project are actively on by the architecture firm.

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No: UCMC/HS/MP/CR-02/2023-24 Date: 04.10.2023

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **KAVITHA GOWDA** Intending to Purchase the schedule property which belongs to Sri. B. Suresh through Sale Deeds No. RMN-1-11437-2022-23, C.D.No.RMND1484, Dated: 13.02.2023, **AND** RMN-1-11436-2022-23, C.D.No.RMND1484, Dated: 13.02.2023, Situated At Kodiyala Karenahalli Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk.

Item No.1 : Sy.No.241/2 Measuring 0-20 Guntas Situated At Kodiyala Karenahalli Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara District, Bounded on

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

East by: Land belongs to Sri M. Satish in same Sy. No.; **West by :** Portion of the land belongs to Venkatahanumaiah in same Sy. No.; **North by :** Government Gomala; **South by:** Road & the Land bearing Sy. No. 242 belongs to P. Venkataramanappa & Govindappa;

Item No.2: Sy.No.241/3 Measuring 0-20 Guntas Situated At Kodiyala Karenahalli Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara District, Bounded on

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

East by: Government Gomala; **West by :** Land belongs to Sri K.G. Indrudu in same Sy. No.; **North by :** Government Gomala; **South by :** Land bearing Sy. No. 242 belongs to P. Venkataramanappa & Govindappa;

Person/s objecting or having any right in the said property may lodge objection and /or claims in writing to the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence **within 7 days** from the date of this public notice.

KAVITHA GOWDA
GR Lavender Apartment J303, J.P. Nagar 7th Phase, Bangalor-560078. Mob: 99860 00037

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
 # 49, East Wing , 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru – 560 001. Phone No. 080-22265383. Website: www.kiadb.in

No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-17/277/2023-24 Date:05.10.2023

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK KPP Portal Only)

Item rate Tenders under two cover bid system is invited for the works mentioned below as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors holding valid Class-I & above (Electrical) license issued from KCEI, Government of Karnataka who have got adequate financial resources, suitable construction equipments, technical man power & sufficient past experience for the following works of **(1) Providing street lights at the roads of Harohalli Industrial Area, 4th Phase, Ramanagara District (2nd Call). (2) Providing street lights at the roads of Sub Layouts at Vasanthanarasapura Industrial Area, 2nd & 3rd Phase, Tumakuru District (2nd Call).**

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **27.10.2023 upto 04:00 pm.**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the E-Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer - 1

DIPR/CP/JA/1598/2023-24

Government of Karnataka
Office of The District Officer, Minorities Welfare Department,
Behind Commercial Taxes Office Building, Zilla Panchayat, Chikkamagaluru – 577102.
e-mail: domcmanglore@gmail.com Ph.: 08262-295848
No.: MWD/FT/CR-70/2023-24 Date: 03.10.2023

e-Tender Notice

e-Tender is invited for supply of food and other materials to Minorities Moraji Desai Residential School/Colleges and Student Hostels functioning under the Jurisdiction of Minorities Welfare Department, Chikkamagaluru in Chikkamagaluru District and can participate in the Tender through e-portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Tender Amount: Rs. 197.00 lakhs. E.M.D. Amount: Rs. 296625.00. Last date for submission of application through online: 02.11.2023, 4.00 PM. For further information: Log in to https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in or contact phone no. of District Office: 08262-295848

Sd/ District Officer,
Minorities Welfare Department, Chikkamagaluru

DIPR/ckm/No.72/23-24/ksmca/559

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DIVISION KOPPAL.
Phone No: 08539 - 222318 Fax No: 08539 - 222317
email: eepwdkpl2@gmail.com

IFT No. PWD:DK:DB:KW-4:2023-24:1950 Date:05.10.2023.

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

The Executive Engineer, Public works Department Division Koppal invites tenders from the eligible tenderers as per standard bid documents KW-4 on http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Portal. Head of Account : KKRDB Micro & Visvesvaraya Technological University Internal Resources **(8443-Deposit Contribution).** Two cover Tender procedure as per Rule 28 of the KTPP Act shall be followed. For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours on Phone No. 08539 – 222318 and all informations regarding tenders can be had from website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. 1 Work (Work Indent No: 4513). Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders **06-11-2023** Time **16.00,** Date and Time for opening of tender **07-11-2023** Time **16.30.** Estimate Amount **Rs. 930.00** Lakhs respectively. The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website address, EMD, Time for Tender Queries/ Clarification Date & Other information as mentioned in e-Proc Portal.

Note: Any changes either in tender date or any other condition tenderers can view in e-procurement portal & no separate notification will be published in news paper.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Koppal
DIPR/Koppal/175/KSMCA/2023-24

MINORITY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
Directorate of Minorities, #16 C, Moulana Azad Bhavan, Miller Tank Bed Area, Vasantha Nagara, Bengaluru-560052.
Ph No. 080-22535901/02, Help Line No: 8277799990,
Email:**directorgokdom@gmail.com** Website: **https://dom.karnataka.gov.in**

No.: Dom/D/Budget Para-174/CR-24/2023-24 Date: 05.10.2023

Announcement of short term Tender

A Short term 07 Days Re-Tender has been invited by the Directorate of Minorities for providing Pre Examination training for the IAS & KAS Examinations to Minority students at HAJ Bhavan, Bengaluru, for the year 2023-24. The Schedule of Tender will be as follows. Interested bidders can apply online through the e-procurement portal.

(1) Date of Tender Publication: **06.10.2023**, **(2)** Tender amount: **Rs. 400.00 lakhs**, **(3)** EMD amount: **Rs. 6.00 lakhs, (4)** Pre-bid meeting: **09.10.2023 at11.30 am, (5)** Last date and time for submission of tender: **13.10.2023 By 5.30 pm, (6)** Date and time of technical bid opening : **16.10.2023 at 11.30 am, (7)** Date and time of financial bid opening: **17.10.2023 at 11.30 am, (8)** Place of tender opening and contact address: **Moulana Azad Bhavan, No.16 C, Miller tank Bed Road, Vasantnagar, Bangalore-52. (9)** Telephone number to be contact: 080-22535902, 080-22535912.

Other details can be obtained from the website of the Directorate of Minorities **https://dom.karnataka.gov.in** and e-procurement website at **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Director,
Directorate of Minorities, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/1606/Zen/2023-24

Karnataka Institute of Endocrinology & Research, Bengaluru
(Registered Autonomous Institute of Govt. of Karnataka)
Old Madras Road, Indiranagar, Bengaluru -560038
Ph: +91-80-25283013, +91-80-24492900
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TENDER NOTIFICATION

KIER invites tenders from eligible bidders for the supply of the following items in two bid system through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka.

Sl. No.	Tender Notification No. & date	Subject
1.	KIER/TS/HNS/08/2023-24 Date: 06.10.2023	Supply of Hospital Necessaries
2.	KIER/TS/DSS/09/2023-24 Date: 06.10.2023	Supply of Drugs & Solutions and Suture Materials
3.	KIER/TS/STRY/10/2023-24 Date: 06.10.2023	Supply of stationeries

E.M.D. & Security Deposit: As mentioned in the tender document.
Commencement of download of e-Tender Form from **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in : 07.10.2023**
Last Date for submission of tenders **25.10.2023 upto 04.00 pm**
Date of opening of Technical Bids: **27.10.2023 at 11.00 a.m.**
For further details contact office during office hours. The Tender Accepting Authority reserves the right to accept/ reject/ cancel the tender partially or fully without assigning any reason.

Sd/-
AO, KIER, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/JA/1599/2023-24

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
(PUBLIC WORKS, DEPT.)

No. PWD/BGM/TND/TA/AE/2023-24/3638 Date: 03.10.2023

- ITEM RATE TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-PROCUREMENT):-

The Executive Engineer, PWD Belagavi Division Belagavi invites item rate tenders from the eligible contractors registered in E-procurement portal in Public Works Department under KW- 1, 2, 3 & 4 Standard tender documents for a total of 22 works under 8443 Deposit Works, 4059-Buildings, 2216-Quarters Building Maintenance and 2059-Dept Building Maintenance Works & 2059-Belgaum Suvarna Soudha Building Maintenance Works with maximum & minimum tender amounts of Rs. 249.28 Lakhs & Rs. 8.47 Lakhs respectively and. maximum & minimum EMD amounts of Rs. 374000/- & 10600/- respectively. Part-1 Tender receipt Date is on 12-10-2023 upto 4.30 PM and Tender Opening Date is on 14-10-2023 after 4.45 PM , Part-2 Tender receipt Date is on 12-10-2023 upto 4.30 PM and Technical Bid Opening Date is on 14-10-2023 after 4.45 PM , Part-3 Tender receipt Date is on 19-10-2023 upto 4.30 PM and Tender Opening Date is on 20-10-2023 after 4.45 PM and Part-4: Tender receipt Date is on 19.10.2023 upto 4.30 PM and Technical Bid Opening Date is on 20.10.2023 after 4.45 PM, For more information contact the office of the undersigned and www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in after 03.10.2023(If no bids received, 3 days One time auto extension activated)

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department, Belagavi Dn. Belagavi.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-487/KSMCA/2023-24

SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM LIMITED
CIN U75302KL2017SGC05027

E -TENDER NOTICE
E-Tenders are invited for the following projects of Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Limited

SL. NO.	Name of Project	E-Tender ID	PAC Amount	Bid Submission Last Date
	Selection of Contractor for Development of Smart Roads and Underground Ducting Including Utility Shifting of Water Supply and Power lines in ABD area Under Smart (Corporation Roads) in Thiruvananthapuram.			
1	Road ID 180 & 181 (Kamukuvilakom Road and Ankalamman Nagar)	2023_SCTLT_551497_3	Rs.3,15,84,659/-	11.10.2023
2	Road ID 44 (Pazhayasalai Road)	2023_SCTLT_550949_2	Rs.4,50,51,533/-	11.10.2023
3	Road ID 41 (Kothuval to Sabhapathi Kovil Street)	2023_SCTLT_550644_3	Rs.4,57,70,352/-	11.10.2023
4	Road ID 100 (Justice Sankaranarayana Street)	2023_SCTLT_551252_4	Rs.2,64,00,214/-	11.10.2023
5	Kuriyathi Road	2023_SCTLT_552524_5	Rs.1,33,51,123/-	12.10.2023
6	Marakkada Road	2023_SCTLT_550815_5	Rs.2,29,11,634/-	12.10.2023

Date and Time of Opening Price Bid: To Be Intimated Separately to Technically Qualified Bidders by e-mail. All the RFP documents and details are available on the e-Procurement Website. Bids are only accepted online on the Website **https://etenders.kerala.gov.in**

(sd/-) **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**
SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM Ltd.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, (East-Lakes)
Room No.309, 3rd Floor, Annex Building-3,
N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560 002.
No: EE/(East)Lakes/Tend-02/2023-24 Date: 06.10.2023

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Through **Karnataka Public Procurement Portal** only)

Tenders on Item Rate basis are invited by the undersigned for the works mentioned below from the registered contractors of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or Equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/ MES or any State Government Organizations.

Name of the Work/Category	Value of Work (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (in ₹.)
Annual Maintenance of Halasuru Lake. Call-2 (General)	46.13	92,260/-
Annual Maintenance of Kaggadasapura Lake. Call-2 (General)	13.35	33,375/-
Providing Pathway and Other Improvements works in Kachara -kanahalli Lake. Call-2 (General)	46.00	92,000/-

Calendar of Events : (1) Date of Availability of Tender documents on **07.10.2023** after **10:00** am. (2) Last date for receipt of Tenders is **25.10.2023** upto **4:00** pm. (3) Opening of Tender Bid is **26.10.2023** at **4:30** pm. (4) This tender notice can also be seen on the BBMP Website: **www.bbmp.gov.in**. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
(East-Lakes)

Government of Karnataka
Rural Development & Panchayat Department
Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Chitradurga
Phone No.: 08194-234488 e-mail: eerdwsd.chd@gmail.com
No.: R.W.S.&S./D/C/EE/B4/Tender/ /2022-23/737
Date: 03.10.2023

Tender Notice

On behalf of the Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka tender is invited in single and two cover system, through e-procurement portal, subject to Standard Tender Document KW-2 & 3 Conditions, from eligible class registered contractors registered with Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Circle, Davanagere/Chief Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Department, Bengaluru for 15 works of Rs. 551.38 lakhs in the limits of Hiriyuru Taluk (Among the 15 works, the work with Maximum Approximate cost is 99.25 lakhs) under Jal Jeevan Mission Scheme. Last date for submission of Tender: 12.10.2023, 4.00 PM. Date of opening the Technical Bid: 13.10.2023 at 4.30 PM and Date of opening the Financial Bid: 16.10.2023 at 11.00 AM. Details of the work are published in website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in and for further information contact the Executive Engineer, R.W.S & S. Division, Chitradurga during working hours of the office.

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/ 253/2023-24

Sd/- Executive Engineer, R.D.W.S. & S. Division, Chitradurga

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: SEE/Tr(M)/BRAZ/EE/AEE-4/F-T6/23-24/2878 Date: 06.10.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

KPTCL invites against **Bid Enquiry No.:** KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BRAZ/PTr REPAIRS-20MVA, BAGEPALLI/EPR-745 Dated: 04.10.2023 for "DISMANTLING, TRANSPORTATION (TO & FRO), REPAIR OF FAILED POWER TRANSFORMER, TESTING, ASSEMBLING, ERECTION AND COMMISSIONING OF Failed 20 MVA, 66/11 KV (3 Limbs), APEX Make, Sl.No: T-903/01 Power Transformer failed on 08.04.2023 at 66/11 KV Bagepalli S/S, TL & SS Division, Gowribidanur ON TOTAL TURNKEY BASIS (with two part tender and percentage basis) in KPTCL, TRANSMISSION (MAINTENANCE), BRAZ CIRCLE. (INDENT No: KPTCL/2023-24/PM/WORK_INDENT-11)

The bids will be received through e-Procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "e-procurement–KPTCL" or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 07.10.2023**. Any other details can be had from the Office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elec.)
Transmission (Maintenance), BRAZ, KPTCL, UAS Campus, Hebbal Bengaluru - 560 024. Ph: 080-23415347

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No:SEE/WMC/TKR/2778-80 Date: 04.10.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites tenders in Combined package on **Partial Turnkey Basis** through e-Procurement portal for the following works:

(1) Bid Enquiry No: SEE/Tr(W&M)/Tkr/DCA/EE(O)/ AEE-2/Enq-05, Dtd: 03.10.2023 for Providing additional switchgear at 110/11KV substation **Handanakere,** 66/11KV **Santhemavathur,** 66/11KV **Kempanahalli.**

(2) Bid Enquiry No: SEE/Tr(W&M)/Tkr/DCA/EE(O)/ AEE-2/Enq-06, Dtd: 03.10.2023 for Providing additional switchgear at 66/11KV **Thimmasandra,** 66/11KV **Dasudi,** 66/11KV S/s **Thimmanahalli.**

(3) Bid Enquiry No: SEE/Tr(W&M)/Tkr/DCA/EE(O)/ AEE-2/Enq-07, Dtd: 03.10.2023 for Providing additional switchgear at 66/11KV S/s **Bellavi,** 66/11KV S/s **Thovinakere,** 66/11KV S/s **Urdigere,** 66/11KV S/s **Mallasandra.**

(4) Bid Enquiry No: SEE/Tr(W&M)/Tkr/DCA/EE(O)/ AEE-2/Enq-08, Dtd: 04.10.2023 for Providing additional switchgear at 110/11KV S/s **Ungra,** 66/11KV S/s **Hosakere.**

(5) Bid Enquiry No: SEE/Tr(W&M)/Tkr/DCA/EE(O)/ AEE-2/Enq-09, Dtd: 04.10.2023 for Providing additional switchgear at 110/11KV S/s **Kallur,** 110/11KV S/s **Sampige.**

(6) Bid Enquiry No: SEE/Tr(W&M)/Tkr/DCA/EE(O)/ AEE-2/Enq-010, Dtd: 04.10.2023 for Providing additional switchgear at 110/11KV S/s **Kadaba,** 110/11KV S/s **K.G. Temple.**

The detailed information regarding subject enquiry in e-Procurement portal can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink e-Procurement or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 09.10.2023** and other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE XX ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-32)
O.S. NO. 3290/2023

Between :
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at, Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007, having its head office at and Zonal office at: 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru-560068. and also having branch at MG Road, Bengaluru, through its Authorised representative Mr. Rohith Ali M. ...Plaintiff

And :
Mr. Kushal P. ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant:
Mr. Kushal P. S/o. Doddaiah Padmaraju, Aged about 32 years, R/at No.100, 4th Main Road, Govindarajav Nagar, Bhruth Mahanagara Palike Near Bus Stop, Bangalore-560040.

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of **Rs. 4,98,641.24/-** along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the **XX Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H.-32),** in person or by a pleader, on the day of **05.12.2023** at **11:00 AM** to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the **25th** day of **September, 2023** at Bangalore.

By order of the Court,
Assistant Registrar, Hon'ble City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar
Vidhii Partners,
Advocates,
No. 701, Queens Corner 'A', 3, Queens Road, Bengaluru -01

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE LXI ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-62)
O.S. NO. 2477/2023
Hg-22.11.2023

Between :
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at, Landmark, Race-Course Circle, Vadodara-390007, having its head office at and Zonal office at: 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru- 560068 And also having branch at MG Road, Bengaluru, through its Authorised representative Mr. Rohith Ali M. ...Plaintiff

And :
Mr. Farhad Vora ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant :
Mr. Farhad Vora S/o. Vora Fareed, Aged About 47 Years, R/at No. 50 MHN Kuteer, 1st Main, 3rd Cross, Block 01, Latus Layout, Channasandra, R.R. Nagar, Near bus Stop Bangalore- 560098.

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of **Rs.14,27,959.42/-** along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the **LXI Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H-62),** in person or by a pleader, on the day of **22.11.2023** at **11:00 AM** to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the **23rd** day of **September 2023** at Bangalore.

By order of the Court,
Assistant Registrar, Hon'ble City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar
Vidhii Partners,
Advocates, No. 701, Queens Corner 'A', 3, Queens Road, Bengaluru -01

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COMMERCIAL COURT 89th ADDL AT BENGALURU (CCH-90)
COMM. O.S. NO. 885/2023
Hg-10.11.2023

Between :
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Corporate & Registered office at Land mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and branch office at Mythree Center, No. 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560 068 ...Plaintiff

And :
Mr. Arif Pasha ...Defendant

APPLICATION UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 OF C.P.C

Summons to Defendant
Mr. Arif Pasha S/o. Mr. Pyare Jan, Aged about 38 years, Arfath Enterprises, No. 784, Shop No.10, Opp to Sai Baba Temple, 80 Feet Road, Arekere, Bangalore- 560 076

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted a suit against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 5,50,008/- (Rupees Five Lakh Fifty Thousand and Eight Only)** together with interest thereon at the rate 24% p.a., with costs etc. You may take notice that you are hereby directed to appear before this court, in person, or through pleader on **10.11.2023** at **11:00 a.m.,** to answer as to why relief prayer for in the suit should not be granted. If you fail to appear on the above said date, the suit will be proceeded with and decided ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **04/10/2023.**

BY ORDER OF COURT
Sheristebar
CITY CIVIL COURT, BENGALURU

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S A Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560047

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDI. CITY CIVIL & SESSION JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-53)
ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 7403 OF 2022
Hg- 21/11/2023

Between :
ICICI Bank Ltd,
A body corporate incorporated And registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and licensed As a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having Registered Office at "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007 And having its Regional office at ICICI Bank Ltd., 11th Floor, C-Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bengaluru- 560 001. And represented by its POA Holder, Mr. M. Rohit Ali, S/o. Ishrath Ali M., Aged about 26 years ...PLAINTIFF

And :
Smt. Kavitha G.K
W/o. Yashwanth Kumar, Aged about 39 years, R/a No. 33/1, Ground Floor, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Gangadhara Nagara, Saraki Gate, J.P. Nagara Bengaluru- 560 078 ...DEFENDANTS

Summons/Notice through Paper Publication

Smt. Kavitha G.K
W/o. Yashwanth Kumar, Aged about 39 years, R/a No. 33/1, Ground Floor, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Gangadhara Nagara, Saraki Gate, J.P. Nagara Bengaluru- 560 078

WHEREAS the above named Plaintiff has instituted case against you for recovery loan amount **Rs. 3,84,952/- (Rupees Three Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Two Only)** together with interest at the rate 18% p.a. from date of due to till the date of realization.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble city civil & session judge Court, (CCH-53), At Bangalore, in person or by a advocate/pleader on **21/11/2023** at **11.00 A.M** to answer the questions of the same. Failing which the matter will be heard and determined as "EX-PARTE".

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this **23rd** day of **September, 2023.**

By the order of the Court,
Assistant Registrar,
City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Plaintiff
Mr. K.N. Arvinda Navada
Advocate
No. 177/1, (88), 1st Floor, Besides 12th Cross, Cubbonpet Main Road, Bengaluru- 560 002.

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Roadmap for strengthening cervical cancer screening

Experts at a policy consultation, jointly organised by the State Health Department and FIND, a non-profit body, discussed opportunities to strengthen cervical cancer screening in the State. Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao *(in picture)*, who inaugurated the consultation, highlighted Karnataka's commitment to prioritising cervical cancer elimination as a model for the country. "We are committed to building a roadmap to end the disease in Karnataka and are evaluating innovative strategies to ensure expanded access to screening for all women aged over 30 years and universal vaccination for girls aged 9-14," the Minister said. Sanjay Sarin, vice-president of Access at FIND, said the aim is to increase access to HPV screening to achieve WHO's cervical cancer elimination goal.

LAM Research keen to set up semiconductor lab in State

LAM Research, a global provider of semiconductor equipment and services, has shown interest in setting up a new lab in Karnataka, according to Minister for Large and Medium Industries M.B. Patil. According to a release, the Minister held a discussion with the company's management representatives in this regard at San Francisco. Mr. Patil is currently leading a high-powered delegation to the United States of America to attract investment to the State. LAM Research has already established a presence in Karnataka since 2000 and its campus in Bengaluru is focusing on hardware engineering, global operations management, and software development support.

School Education dept. orders to relieve transferred teachers

Following directions by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Minister of the Department of School Education and Literacy Madhu Bangarappa, the Commissioner of Department of School Education (DSE) has ordered to relieve the government primary and high school teachers who were transferred two months ago. In her order, B.B. Cauvery, Commissioner of DSE, said the State government has approved to appoint around 43,000 guest teachers against the vacancies of the transferred teachers' posts and asked the Deputy Directors of the department to appoint the guest teachers and relieve the teachers. The Karnataka State Primary School Teachers Association had submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister to relieve the transferred teachers. The department cannot pay the salaries to the teachers who have got transfers in the general transfer, as they were not relieved and reported at the school to where they have been transferred. According to sources, the transferred teachers were suffering without any salary since two months.

See Cauvery dispute through historical lens: Expert

Bangalore Political Action Committee (BPAC) on Friday held a panel discussion on "Trials and Tribulations of Cauvery" at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan to explore many aspects of the long-standing Cauvery river dispute. C. Chandrashekar, IPS (retd), offered a historical perspective on the Cauvery river dispute, emphasising the importance of viewing the issue through historical lens. He noted that the 2018 Supreme Court verdict did not provide a definitive solution for scenarios where rainfall in the Cauvery basin is insufficient, leaving unanswered questions about water-sharing with Tamil Nadu under such circumstances. Over 150 participants from various backgrounds, including B.CLIP Civic Leaders, union leaders, law students, among others, discussed the issue, BPAC in a release said.

Govt. ordered to recalculate minimum wages based on Supreme Court guidelines

State govt. had not undertaken ground survey to assess present-day prices of essentials, but arbitrarily enhanced wages between 5% and 10% for 34 scheduled employments

Sharath S. Srivatsa
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has set a deadline for the government to complete the entire redo process within two months. FILE PHOTO

In what is being perceived as victory for nearly 1.7 crore workers in the unorganised sector across Karnataka, the State government has been directed by the High Court to recalculate the minimum wages that had been fixed in 2022. The government has been asked to follow the guidelines fixed by the Supreme Court in its landmark judgment in 1992 while doing so.

The State government had not undertaken a ground survey to assess the present-day prices of essential commodities, but arbitrarily enhanced wages between 5% and 10% for 34 scheduled employments.

Petition by union

The court, in a recent order based on a petition filed by the All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC), quashed the notification and asked the government to redo the notification strictly following the norms fixed in 1992 by the Supreme Court in the case of Reptakos Brett to determine the minimum wages. Justice Jyoti Mulimani has also set a deadline for the government to complete the entire redo process within two months.

There are 105 scheduled employments in the State that are under the Minimum Wages Act, and the minimum wages are revised every five years as per the statutory requirement.

In Karnataka, the government captures the data on essential commodities from 16 centres, but this was not undertaken by the Labour department before the minimum wages revision. The department had argued that such a data is only essential for fixing wages but not for revision. The court, however, did not agree with the Labour Department's contention.

While the previous BJP government had revised wages and notified in 2022 for 34 employments whose five year revision period had lapsed, the draft notification was ready for 10 more scheduled employments. Labour Minister Santhosh Lad recently sent back the proposal for these 10 scheduled employments, asking the Department to conduct the survey and fix the minimum wages as per law.

AITUC Karnataka president H.V. Anantha Subbarao welcomed the High Court verdict, and stated that it will not only benefit the working class of the State, but also set the foundation for bringing in a scientific, rational and legally established process for revision of minimum wages.

"The court has also clarified a distinction cannot be made between fixing of minimum wages and the revision as it would lead to anomaly between scheduled employments," he said. He has also urged the State government to expeditiously implement the court order to bring relief to the working class that has been affected by unprecedented price rise.

Sale of Indian-made liquor down, but hike in excise duty drives increase in revenue

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka government has set the revenue target for Excise Department at ₹36,000 crore in 2023-24

The revenue from Excise in Karnataka has marginally increased by ₹156 crore from ₹6,995.43 crore in the first quarter of 2022-23 to ₹7151.6 crore in the first quarter of 2023-24 (between July 20-September 30, 2022 and July 20-September 30, 2023).

The increase is largely owing to hike in the excise duty on the maximum retail price (MRP) of all brands of liquor by 20% in the State Budget for 2023-24. Duty on the beer has been increased by 10%, from 175% to 185%.

There has been a decline in the consumption of Indian-made liquor, while consumption of wine and beer went up during the first quarter of the current financial year (2023-24).

The State government has set the revenue target at ₹36,000 crore for the year 2023-24.

Decline in bulk litres

The sale of Indian-made liquor in bulk litres declined from 11.72 crore during the first quarter in 2022-23 to 10.42 crore in the first quarter of 2023-24 (July 20, 2022 - September 30, 2023).

The revenue from the Indian-made liquor marginally increased to ₹5,760.94 crore in 2023 from ₹5,743.17 crore in the first quarter of 2022.

Revenue from the sale of wine has declined from ₹78.33 crore in the first quarter of 2022 to ₹72.03 crore in the first quarter of 2023-24. However, revenue generation from the sale of beer has increased from ₹1,173.37 crore during July-September 2022 to ₹1,318,63 crore during July-September 2023.

The number of invoices declined from 2,13,266 in the first quarter of 2022 to 2,10,571 in the first quarter of 2023.

Sales figures

The sale of Indian-made liquor bottles declined to 50,28,737 from 54,64,723 in the first quarter of 2022. The sale of Indian-made liquor carton boxes (CBs) declined to 1,19,51,562 in 2023 from 1,34,52,291 CBs in 2022.

The sale of wine bottles increased to 1,55,093 in 2023 from 1,53,634 in 2022.

The sale of beer carton boxes increased to 70,75,107 in the first quarter of 2023 from 66,87,438 in the first quarter of 2022, according to data provided by the Excise Department.

HC admonishes man for misusing law meant to protect SCs and STs by registering frivolous cases

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka admonished a 55-year-old man for not only filing repeated criminal cases by misusing the provisions of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act but also drawing lakhs of rupees of financial aid from the Social Welfare Department for continuing these litigations before various authorities, including the courts.

Directing Chandru Rathod, a teacher in a school in Bagalkot district, to immediately stop registering such frivolous identical complaints before different police stations, the court warned him of initiating separate proceedings besides imposition of exemplary costs if he continues to indulge in such malicious prosecution.

The court directed the government to recover ₹1.5 lakh paid to him for pursuing one such recent case while noticing that the government had already released a total ₹3.5 lakh as of now to him.

Questioned by HM

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order while allowing a petition filed by Shivalingappa B. Kerakalamatti, headmaster of the school in which Mr. Rathod is working. The headmaster had questioned the legality of the chargesheet filed by the police in one such frivolous complaint. Mr. Rathod had registered multiple criminal cases against the headmaster in different police stations accusing the latter of abusing him by taking the name of his caste.

However, the court noted that the police, in the investigation report submitted to the jurisdiction court, had pointed out that Mr. Rathod was habitual in registering such complaints and he was using three individuals as witnesses to depose in his favour in all such cases.

Noticing that he had taken ₹3.5 lakh aid from the government for pursuing his three cases within a span of a year, the High Court said that "it is for this reason that the genuine cases of SCs and STs, who would actually suffer abuses, are lost in the multitude of such frivolous cases."

'Fought with govt. aid'

As the amount paid to him is public money, the court said that it has become "aid to register frivolous cases or frivolous cases being fought with the aid of the government."

Noticing that the authorities have already initiated action to recover the entire amount paid to him, the court said it is necessary for the government to scrutinise the claims for the aid so that the amount is released for members belonging to SC and ST community who suffer abuses, and not frivolous litigants.

Central team visits drought-hit areas in Belagavi, Vijayapura districts

The Central team interacting with a farmer at Chachadi village in Belagavi district on Friday. P.K. BADIGER

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

A Central team led by Ajit Kumar Sahu, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, visited drought-hit areas in Belagavi and Vijayapura districts on Friday.

This is one of the three teams that is going around drought affected areas in Karnataka.

Belagavi Deputy Commissioner Nitesh Patil told the team that the initial surveys by agriculture and allied departments had revealed that crops on over 2.78 lakh hectares had been damaged.

They walked along fields in villages like Nesargi, Kalakuppi, Chachadi, Budigoppa, and Yaraganvi in Belagavi district. They interacted with farmers, who showed them the damaged agriculture crops and vegetables.

As per the plan, the first team will visit Bagalkot and Dharwad on October 7, and leave for Bengaluru. The second team will visit Gadag and Koppal on October 6, Vijayanagara, and Ballari on October 7, and leave for Bengaluru. The third team will visit Chitradurga and Davangere on October 7.

The teams will meet State government officials in Bengaluru on October 9 and leave for New Delhi.

Rathod criticises Shamanur for his remarks on Lingayat officials

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Prakash Rathod

The MLC claimed that a survey had indicated that only 20% of Lingayats had supported the Congress as against 80% of Muslims

Criticism seems to be growing within the ruling Congress over veteran party leader Shamanur Shivashankarappa's allegation that Lingayat bureaucrats are getting a "raw deal" in postings, with one more party leader publicly expressing disappointment and pain over the remark.

Congress MLC and AICC member Prakash K. Rathod, in a release, maintained that the tendency of speaking only about one's own community by forgetting the interests of other communities like minorities, Dalits, and OBCs, who rallied behind the party in the recent Assembly elections, has pained those communities.

He said Mr. Shivashankarappa would have earned more respect if he had spoken about the need to give political importance to all communities instead of raising concern only about his own community.

Mr. Rathod claimed that a survey had indicated that only 20% of Lingayats had supported the Congress as against 80% of Muslims who had backed the party. But still the party government had accommodated seven Lingayats in the Ministry and only two Muslims had been given ministerial berths.

Similarly, none from the Lambani community had been accommodated in the Ministry, though 80% of its population had backed the party in the polls, he claimed. Same was the case with small communities like Uppara, Balijiga, and Yadava who had not got representation in the Ministry despite backing the party in a big way, he said.

Despite missing out on ministerial representation, these communities had conducted themselves in a disciplined manner by making representation to the party leaders and the Chief Minister, Mr. Rathod said.

Criticising Mr. Shivashankarappa for his remarks that Lingayat officials were not being considered for important posts, he pointed out that the veteran leader himself had said many a time that it would not have been possible for him to get elected to the Assembly seven times without the support of other communities.

Pointing out that bringing Dalits, OBCs, and minorities into the mainstream by providing suitable representation to them has been the declared stand of the Congress, he asked Mr. Shivashankarappa not to speak anything that would result in deviating from this ideological position.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

SRI. M R Srinivasan 84 Yrs Retd Jt. secy. Ministry of Law Justice and Company Affairs,Govt of India attained Sivaloka prapti on 6th October 2023 at his residence in Chennai.Survived by wife, Vimala Srinivasan son Rameshwar S ,daughter Ramapriya Harikrishnan Ph:9176626474

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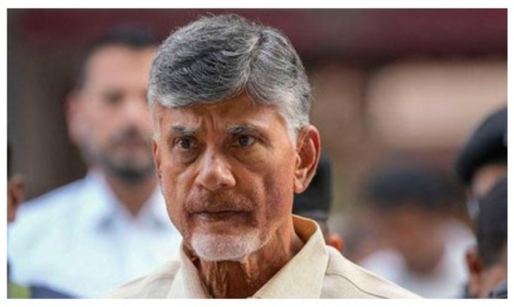


Court reserves judgment on Chandrababu Naidu bail plea

The ACB Court here reserved its judgment on former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's bail plea in the skill development scam case and also the petition filed by the CID for taking him into custody for another three days. Judge B.S.V. Himabindu posted the matter to October 9 (Monday).

Stage set for Navaratri Brahmotsavams in Tirumala

The stage is set for the grand conduct of the annual Navaratri Brahmotsavams in Tirumala to be held from October 15 to 23, said TTD Executive officer A.V. Dharma Reddy. On Friday, he said that no recommendation letters will be entertained in providing darshan and all formats of privileged darshans, like those extended to senior citizens, physically challenged, and parents with infants, stand cancelled during the festival period. However, courtesies will be extended to the VIPs arriving at the town in person.

Trial run to precede ferry service launch

With preparations under way for the high-profile launch of the passenger ferry service between Nagapattinam and Kankesanthurai next week, a trial run is being planned in a day or two.

The vessel to be used for the trial run has to come from Kochi and the run will be conducted subject to its arrival, according to official sources here. The inauguration of the ferry service will take place after the final clearance is given. If everything goes well, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will flag off the service, the sources say.

Singareni Collieries belongs to Telangana: Home Ministry

Ministry's letter says no coal blocks of SCCL remains in Andhra Pradesh; after receiving comments from the Ministry of Coal, it rejects Andhra Pradesh's claim that SCCL is an inter-State company

M. Rajeev
HYDERABAD

In a major relief to Telangana, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs has ruled that the Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) belongs to Telangana.

The Union Ministry's recent communication to the governments of the two Telugu States, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, brings to an end the stalemate prevailing over the division of assets pertaining to the public sector mining company between the two States as part of the A.P. Reorganisation Act.

Bone of contention: The ruling brings to an end the stalemate that prevailed over the division of assets of SCCL among Telugu States.

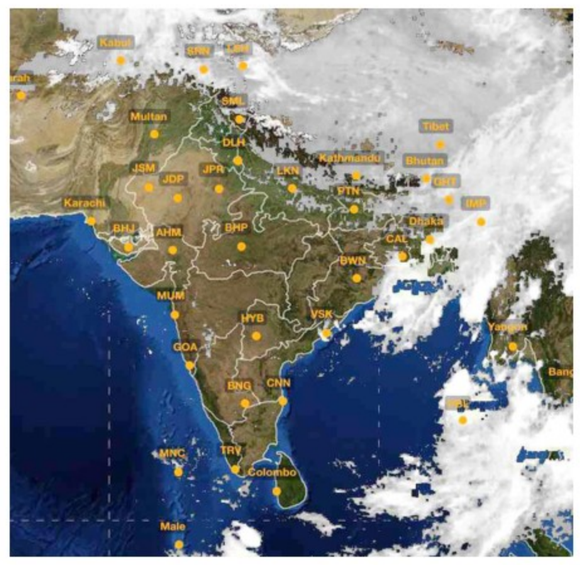
The Telangana State government has been firm that the company belonged to it on the basis of location and this has been confirmed by the Attorney General.

Andhra Pradesh government has raised objections to the Attorney General's opinion. It wanted to conclude that SCCL was an inter-State company.

The Home Ministry sought the comments of Ministry of Coal in the matter and the latter informed that only one coal block Naini, which is situated in Odisha, has been allocated to SCCL under the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015. "Since, no coal bocks of SCCL is found to be situated in Andhra Pradesh, the opinion of the Attorney General of India in respect of the SCCL is treated as final," the Ministry said in the letter.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Heavy rainfall/ Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	26	27.9	25.8	Kozhikode	—	33.8	23.8
Ahmedabad	—	34.8	21.8	Kurnool	—	37.2	24.3
Aizawl	—	26.5	—	Lucknow	—	34.4	23.3
Allahabad	—	35.2	25.4	Madurai	18	37.2	23.1
Bengaluru	—	29.8	21.7	Mangaluru	—	30.2	23.2
Bhopal	—	34.3	20.6	Mumbai	—	32.0	24.6
Bhubaneswar	—	34.1	24.8	Mysuru	—	—	23.4
Chandigarh	—	35.2	20.4	New Delhi	—	36.3	18.6
Chennai	0.2	34.4	27.2	Patna	—	34.1	25.2
Coimbatore	—	34.8	21.6	Port Blair	5	29.8	25.6
Dehradun	—	32.8	20.0	Puducherry	—	32.4	25.4
Gangtok	31	21.6	16.6	Pune	—	33.5	20.4
Goa	0.5	31.5	24.4	Raipur	—	34.8	23.5
Guwahati	24	27.8	23.2	Ranchi	—	29.4	22.5
Hubballi	—	32.0	22.0	Shillong	4.5	19.3	16.0
Hyderabad	—	32.9	20.2	Shimla	—	28.0	15.8
Imphal	2	31.9	21.7	Srinagar	—	29.1	8.2
Jaipur	—	36.6	24.8	Thiruvananthapuram	22	32.5	25.2
Kochi	—	31.0	23.0	Tiruchi	—	36.3	27.4
Kohima	—	23.6	—	Vijayawada	—	35.4	23.2
Kolkata	1	33.3	26.6	Visakhapatnam	—	33.8	24.8

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.27	.91	.46	156	131	
Bengaluru	.4	.35	.27	127	111	
Chennai	.5	.99	.47	22	37	
Delhi	.9	100	.92	323	213	
Hyderabad	.46	.49	.19	104	133	
Kolkata	.17	.30	.28	53	65	
Lucknow	.26	.19	.18	229	156	
Mumbai	.5	.23	.29	307	198	
Pune	132	218	112	98	81	
Visakhapatnam	.8	.84	.29	131	203	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Gurugram, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 253 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Sivasagar, Assam recorded a healthy AQI score of 18

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Telangana launches breakfast scheme

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The Telangana government launched a scheme for all government school students where they would be provided breakfast before the start of school.

The 'Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme' was officially launched across the State in select schools on Friday. It would be extended to all the government-run schools, for students of Classes 1 to 10, after the Dasara vacation.

Finance Minister T. Harish Rao, Information and Public Relations Minister Patnam Mahender Reddy, and Education Minister Sabitha Indra Reddy launched the scheme at the Zilla Parishad High School in the Ranga Reddy district on Friday. The scheme was launched simultaneously in select schools in all 119 constituencies.

Mr. Harish Rao said 20 lakh students would benefit from the scheme and Telangana was the only State to offer breakfast for students from Classes 1 to 10.

Kerala job fraud suspect held in T.N.

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Kerala Police on Friday arrested a former Communist Party of India (Marxist) activist on suspicion of orchestrating an appointment fraud using Health Minister Veena George's office as a front.

Akhil Sajeev was detained from Theni district in Tamil Nadu.

Haridasan Kummoli, a resident of Malappuram, said, he had paid ₹1.75 lakh as bribe to Akhil Mathew, Ms. George's assistant, to get temporary employment for his daughter-in-law as a homeo medical officer in the Ayush Mission. He had paid the final instalment of the "bribe" directly to Mr. Mathew outside the Minister's office at the Secretariat.

Soon after paying the bribe, Mr. Kummoli received a forged appointment intimation in his e-mail. But the posting never materialised.

The police said Sajeev was wanted in similar appointment fraud cases in Pathanamthitta and Kochi.

Govt. aid, loans from funds of coop. societies to be pooled to create cooperative revival fund

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The revival fund proposed as a support mechanism for cooperative societies is to be created by pooling assistance from Kerala government and "loans" secured from reserve funds of cooperative societies.

The Sahakarana Sangham Punarudhdharana Nidhi Padhdhati (cooperative revival fund scheme), according to Cooperation department sources, is meant for the rehabilitation and revival of ailing, weak or defunct societies and helping the better performing ones to diversify into newer, profitable areas. The proposal for the fund, in particular, the move to use the reserve funds of cooperative societies for it, has sparked a debate against the backdrop of the Karuvannur Service Cooperative Bank scam and the subsequent bail-out proposals.

Primarily, two sources will be made use of for creating the fund. In addition to these, the fund scheme will also make use of other available sources.

Karnataka High Court convicts six in Sullia medical college administrator murder case

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has convicted Renuka Prasad, son of Sullia-based KVG group of educational institutions' founder, the late Kurunji Venkataramala Gowda, and five others in the 2011 case of murder of A.S. Ramakrishna, who was the administrator of KVG Medical College, Sullia, in Dakshnia Kannada district, and sentenced four of them to life imprisonment.

The other convicted are Manoj Rai, Nagesh H.R and Vaman Poojary, who were employed in the institutions and properties belonging to Renuka Prasad, 63, and Sharan alias Sharan Poojary alias Rohidas, and Shankara alias Bhavani Shankara, two hired killers. The court did not impose sentence on Sharan as he could not be presented before the court. He has been absconding.

The court also directed Renuka Prasad to pay a compensation of ₹10 lakh to the wife of the victim.

A Division Bench, comprising Sreenivas Harish Kumar and Justice G. Basavaraja, passed the order while setting aside a 2016 verdict of the trial court, which had acquitted all the accused, while holding that the prosecution had failed to establish the charges mainly on the ground that a majority of the total 87 witnesses had turned hostile in the case.

"The approach of the trial court just appears to be perfunctory," the Bench observed. On many witnesses turning hostile, the Bench noted that Renuka Prasad owns many educational institutions and he wields much influence in Sullia town. The prosecution had said Renuka Prasad was not happy about the division of the educational institution by his father among two sons. He had held Ramakrishna responsible for that. Ramakrishna was murdered in front of his 15-year-old son.

Selling honey, straight from the harvest

Navamy Sudhish
KOLLAM

Jyenu means honey in the language of Kattunaikans, a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) in Kerala. Honey harvesting involves week-long expeditions into deep forests and women are always a part of the assiduous trips. They also see their men being exploited, forced to undersell the produce for a bottle of alcohol or a wad of tobacco.

From beehives to jars: Jyenu honey is marketed without interference of the middlemen.

Most tribes, especially PVTGs, get a raw deal as they belong to the lowest strata of the marketing chain. It was a bunch of tribal women from Malappuram who started Jyenu to end the practice and at present they market around 300 kg of honey under the brand every season without middlemen.

"The money offered by both private vendors and the Forest Department is low when you compare it with the market price. We walk long distances to forest interiors in search of honey and our men climb tall and thorny trees to harvest it. All we want is fair prices for our effort," says Sumitra, a tribal woman from Appankappu.

Around 200 tribal women from the Paniya, Aranada, and Kattunaikan communities pooled their money to start the venture in 2017, but they were not prepared for back-to-back floods and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Revenue riddles

Amid broadly healthy GST inflows, some trends need greater scrutiny

Halfway through the financial year, India's gross revenues from the Goods and Services Tax (GST) stand at over ₹9.92 lakh crore, marking an 11.1% increase over collections between April and September 2022. The average monthly revenues in 2023-24 are a healthy ₹1,65,418 crore, with four of the six occasions that the GST kitty has crossed ₹1.6 lakh crore occurring in this fiscal. At almost ₹1.63 lakh crore, September's GST collections were a tad below the average, but 2.3% over August's inflows that had marked a three-month low. With the festive season kicking in, collections over ₹1.6 lakh crore may persist through this quarter. The government appears comfortably placed regarding GST revenues in the fiscal context, with room to spare for some moderation in inflows during the January-March 2024 quarter when the central bank expects real GDP growth to slow to 5.7% from 7.8% in the first quarter. Beyond the macro resilience that these numbers indicate, a few areas of concern deserve closer scrutiny from policymakers and the GST Council which convenes today.

One, there is a discernible slowdown in the growth of GST inflows, which dropped to 10.2% in September, the slowest uptick since July 2021. The average growth between July and September dipped to 10.6% in the second quarter from 11.5% in the first. Growth from domestic transactions and services imports has slowed to 14% over the past two months, from 18% in June. It is important to note that revenues in September, based on transactions undertaken in August, also include pending dues from businesses since the start of the GST regime in 2017-18 as the deadline to remit them was September 30. Moreover, e-invoicing became mandatory for all firms with a turnover of over ₹5 crore since August 1, so there was another compliance push at work. Distilling these effects is necessary to gauge the extent of growth that stemmed from actual consumption and production upticks. That a record 9.34 crore e-way bills generated during August did not translate into the highest-ever revenues may suggest that transaction sizes have shrunk, for instance. Another puzzling trend is seen in revenues from goods imports that have shrunk four times this year. Of course, the lower goods import bills recorded this year will reflect in lower GST intakes. However, imports hit a nine-month high of $58.6 billion in August, 10.75% over July's import bill. Yet, revenues collected in September were 5.7% below the previousmonth'skitty. This does not add up. Authorities must dig deeper to check for revenue leakages from imports.

Fractured collective

McCarthy's ouster reveals a deeper malaise in the Republican Party

The "surprise" ouster of U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Kevin McCarthy from the top post of the lower chamber of Congress has once again left the Republican Party exposed as a fractured collective. The tenure of Mr. McCarthy, the first ever Speaker in U.S. history to be ejected from the chair, came to an end after Florida Congressman Matt Gaetz invoked a relatively rarely used clause called a "motion to vacate", which was ironically a concession made by Mr. McCarthy to his Republican opponents to win them over during his arduous campaign to be Speaker in early 2023. The ensuing vote saw Mr. McCarthy, a lawmaker from California, defeated by 216 votes against 210 that supported his continuance as Speaker. Eight Republicans sided with the entire Democratic Caucus of the House to deny Mr. McCarthy his political ambitions in Congress. Particularly vociferous in their resistance to being governed by Mr. McCarthy were members of the Republican Freedom Caucus and their allies, who appeared to resent his cooperation with Democrats on critical policy matters. The most significant among these were bipartisan efforts to avoid a federal government shutdown by raising the debt ceiling. Towards this goal, Mr. McCarthy had signed off on a 45-day temporary spending bill, much to the chagrin of his Republican detractors in the House.

Therein lies an indication of the malaise gripping the Republican Party – that there is a vocal faction within the party that sees itself as closely aligned with the political outlook of former President Donald Trump, urging not only for smaller government and lower public expenditure, but also seeking to influence areas of U.S. foreign policy, for example by calling for cuts to U.S. funding to Ukraine in its war efforts against the Russian invasion. This group, described by some as the "GOP radicals", rejects the notion of compromise, even when it comes at a potentially catastrophic economic cost, such as the shutdown of the government's critical functions. Indeed, Mr. McCarthy tried to placate this group by denying President Joe Biden his request for $6 billion in support of Ukraine and by announcing a plan to impeach the president on charges related to allegations of wrongdoing by the latter's son, Hunter Biden, but failed. Ultimately, however, the recalcitrance of this group could prove to be politically costly for the entire party, as 2024 is an election year. This matters especially in the context of independent voters, who often carry the swing votes but would likely walk away from a party that has failed to put its house in order and present a united front at the hustings.

A warning shot for committing the 'crime' of journalism

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In an interview to the BBC shortly after the Gujarat pogrom of 2002, Chief Minister Narendra Modi was asked: "When you look back, do you think there is anything you should have done differently?" His response was clear and unvarnished: "Yes, one area where I was very weak, and that was how to handle the media." Both the question and the answer were contained in the BBC documentary that was barred from being aired in India in 2023. The raids that followed on the BBC offices in Delhi and Mumbai following the broadcast of the documentary elsewhere in the world showed that Mr. Modi had learnt his lessons well in nine years as Prime Minister.

A warning shot

If a global giant could be so brazenly smothered by the 'Mother of Democracy' strutting around in her G20 baubles, the fate that has befallen tiny *NewsClick* should not surprise too many. After securing the co-option, cooperation, and capitulation of vast chunks of big media, an image-obsessed government is turning the screws on the bit players. A piece of legislation here to shackle; an early-morning knock there to scare. As the general elections of 2024 loom, preceded by the semi-finals in five States, it is a warning shot to the few who are still committing the unpardonable crime of journalism in the "land of Buddha and Gandhi".

"Show me the man and I'll show you the crime," was the boast attributed to Joseph Stalin's ruthless secret police chief, Lavrentiy Beria, i.e., he could fabricate a case against anyone, even the innocent. Taking a leaf from the Bolshevik's book, a political establishment that feasts on the excesses of 1975 has mastered the art of plausible deniability. Every attack on press freedom is painted as anything but: it is about money-laundering (*NewsClick*, NDTV); it is about income-tax evasion (BBC, *Dainik Bhaskar*); it is about national security (MediaOne); it is about glorifying terrorism (Fahad Shah); it is about disrupting peace (Siddique Kappan). At least Indira Gandhi had the courage to formally declare an Emergency – and the censors sat alongside journalists in the newsroom, not the Prime Minister's office.

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GETTY IMAGES

L'affaire *NewsClick* is a particularly egregious case – even M/s Thomson & Thompson wouldn't find it funny. A mighty state going after a news operation that began in a basement. The police landing up without a copy of the FIR or a list of the offences committed. Seizing the phones and laptops of the "suspects" despite every court saying 'don't'. A case of economic offence turning into a conspiracy to undermine the republic. And the 73-year-old founder of the portal being arrested under a law made for terrorists. So many questions can be asked, but just one is enough: exactly whose activity is "unlawful" here, the second estate's, or the fourth?

"If anyone has committed anything wrong, agencies are free to carry out investigations against them under set guidelines," were the gratuitous words of the Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur. But when the "suspects" are questioned about the protests against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, the Delhi riots that followed, or the farmers' agitation on the farm laws, it reveals a perverse mindset which is so used to unfiltered propaganda that it sees ear-to-the-ground journalism not as a public service, but as an avoidable hindrance. And it ticks all the boxes of media capture – harassment, intimidation, vendetta, vilification.

When Indira Gandhi routinely invoked the "foreign hand" to brush away her every failing, India was literate enough to guffaw at it. But in Bharat, when the state accuses a website of "Chinese links" and peddling Chinese propaganda, the WhatApp University admins cannot find the smarts to ask, what is illegal about it, even if true? If the custodians of the world's fourth largest economy think that its journalists do not have the intellectual wherewithal to empathise with peasants and pensioners, women and workers, the poor and the marginalised, Dalits and the disenfranchised, without the Renminbi lining their pockets, it shows that Inspector Clouseau didn't click on the news headlines.

"In furtherance of this conspiracy to disrupt the sovereignty of India and to cause disaffection against India, large amount of funds were routed from China in a camouflaged manner and paid news were intentionally peddled criticising domestic policies, development projects of India and promoting, projecting and defending policies and programmes of the Chinese government," reads the comical FIR, with scant understanding of what "paid news" is, oblivious of the Reserve Bank of India-mandated 26% limit on foreign funding of digital platforms, and mocking the ₹49 crore that Chinese companies donated after COVID-19, including to the PM CARES fund, no less.

Contempt bordering on hatred

This investigation by insinuation, by weaponising every arm of the state, can be read as a sign of creeping political nervousness, but that would be too charitable a view given the stellar record vis-a-vis the media since 2014. When the White House press corps can be disdainfully kept waiting in a van while the U.S. President is bumping fists in the Prime Minister's residence, or when a BJP-ruled government with blood on its hand can be blithely allowed to proceed against the Editors Guild of India for ferreting out the facts in Manipur, it points to a systemic contempt for the news media bordering on pathological hatred. But, for public consumption, every June the tweets should read: "We must not forget that dark period of Emergency. Censorship was so stringent that nothing could be published without approval."

The bottomless thirst for approval and approbation – and the limitless allergy for scrutiny and criticism – that the retrofitted witch-hunt against *NewsClick* highlights, offers a useful chance for a hypnotised citizenry to pause and ponder: why is a government, which spends thousands of crores to promote itself through the media, so intent to crush the outliers, bringing disrepute in the eyes of the world? And why is a government which periodically issues (self-attested) certificates of India's growing prowess so uninterested in improving its ranking on the World Press Freedom index, where it now stands below Taliban-run Afghanistan, at 161 out of 180 countries? (In 2014, it was at 140; in 2022, it was at 150.)

The answer to those questions explains why a sledgehammer was taken to swat a fly. When a BJP minister in Uttar Pradesh tweeted that journalism began during the time of 'Mahabharata', a film-maker replied tartly: "And ended in 2014".

Aligning higher education with the United Nations SDGs

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The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a set of 17 goals with 169 targets that all 193 UN member states have agreed to try to achieve by 2030. SDGs are a matter of urgency, and actions by all countries, both developed and developing, to end poverty and other socio-economic and environmental problems should align with strategies that improve the standard of life and education, reduce inequality, and harness economic growth.

Though it has been eight years since the inception of these goals, the SDGs Report 2023 flagged slow progress and painted a grim picture due to the prolonged effects of COVID-19, impacts of the climate crisis, the Russia-Ukraine conflict, and a weak global economy. The lack of progress towards the goals is a universal experience, but it has been more pronounced in the Least Developed Countries. India, despite having managed the crises of the global economy and relatively succeeded in overcoming the challenges posed by the pandemic, has suffered a setback in achieving these goals.

NEP 2020 and SDGs

Yet, recent actions and policies indicate that India is committed towards realising SDGs. SDG4 pertains to access to quality education. It is a prerequisite for the achievement of other goals. India, with a long-standing history of equitable and inclusive education, has accelerated efforts to ensure the achievement of SDGs through various reforms. Among them, the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 should be given credit to a great extent.

NEP 2020 has been prepared in tune with most of the SDGs. Though NEP 2020 calls for changes at all levels of education, priority should be accorded to higher education as it accelerates social mobility, empowers people through creativity and critical thinking, and grants them employment skills.

> Educational institutions have to rethink their approach so that it is in tune with the NEP which will be crucial in realising the 2030 deadline for SDGs

According to data from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), people with a higher education degree are more employable and earn an average of 54% more than those who only have completed senior secondary education. A university-inclusive education, thus, better protects people against poverty (SDG1), prevents them from hunger (SDG2), supports them for good health and well-being (SDG3), promotes gender equality (SDG5), provides them decent work, which in turn drives economic growth (SDG 8), and reduces inequalities (SDG10).

Universities should strengthen the research-teaching nexus in university education. That way, students will become direct benefactors of the knowledge generated from research. Multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary systems of education produce multitalented people who can pursue research, and find innovative solutions to global challenges such as affordable and clean energy (SDG7), sustainable cities and communities (SDG11), climate change and global warming (SDG13), as well as studying their impact on an economy and the earth.

Sustainable development is possible only if we radically change the way we produce and consume (SDG12). Innovative solutions and start-ups (SDG 9) must be developed in collaboration with private companies. Introducing Value-Based Education (VBE) will help citizens become responsible towards self, society, and the planet and help our nation achieve "Life on Land" (SDG15).

Suggestions and concluding remarks

NEP 2020 demands that Indian higher education be committed to mapping its day-to-day operations with SDGs. Ranking universities according to the achievement of SDGs is a welcome move, but is still inadequate to meet the SDG deadline.

To accelerate the progress towards achieving the 2030 agenda, stakeholders of higher education should be educated and oriented so that none of their activities leave any SDG behind. The 56,205 higher educational institutions and universities in India should work together.

Universities should come out reinvigorated and play a part in the education, innovation, culture, and civic life of their local communities. Community health, energy-saving measures, efficient resource allocation, waste reduction, development of local skills, as well as the sharing of services, infrastructure, and facilities with other universities or external partners should become a culture in universities.

It is high time that universities adopted sustainability as a mantra and incorporated SDGs into their institutional strategies, both in daily administration and in teaching and research. It has been realised that higher education cannot work in isolation; rather it must be directly integrated with socio-economic development where each activity and transaction has meaningful and multiple impacts on SDGs. Every citizen must feel that the universities contribute directly to their well-being and nation-building.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Attack on free press

The fourth estate is a soft target ("Undeclared Emergency, October 5"). The attack on the free press by government agencies is not new. But the targeting of digital media has added a new dimension to this. The Supreme Court has to act quickly to stop such misadventures by the ruling dispensation and bring some semblance of rationality to the country's governance, especially in matters of free speech.

Varghese George
Hyderabad

Over the last nine years, the Union government has deployed investigative agencies to harass and intimidate various media houses including the BBC, *Dainik Bhaskar, The Kashmir Walla* and *The Wire*. This is unacceptable. The action against *NewsClick* only provides proof of India's poor ranking on the Press Freedom Index.

S.K.Khosla
Chandigarh

SC's criticism of ED

The Supreme Court, while hearing former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia's plea for bail, questioned the tenability of the charge of money laundering levelled against him in the liquor policy case. The apparently shoddy job done by the ED prompted the Bench to even remark that the case will "fall flat after two questions in the cross-examination". These stinging oral observations reflect poorly on the professionalism and competence of ED officers.

S. K.Choudhury
Bengaluru

Few takers for World Cup

It was awful to see empty stands during the first match of the 2023 ICC Men's World Cup. That the Indian Premier League with fewer overs attracts more crowds is a sad commentary on the state of cricket. The 50-over format seems to be facing an existential crisis.

A.V. Narayanan
Tiruchi

Incentive for science

Most well-known awards come with a diploma or citation, a gold medal, and a monetary component ("Does cash take away the cachet of science awards?", October 6). As in other professions, prize money will be a motivation for scientists. The conferring of the Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar without a cash component is not the right way to motivate our young scientists. Even the NITI Aayog admits that India's spending on R&D is among the lowest in the world. A country's economic potential, its defence capability, and global ranking depend on its scientific and technological prowess and we need to motivate our youngsters with generous awards that have a substantial cash component.

H.N. Ramakrishna
Bengaluru

As one who has been associated with scientific research for more than three decades, I can say with experience that scientists are mostly content with their monthly salary. In fact, they often find it difficult to divide the cash award among the members of the team proportionately, fearing bias. The real motivation comes from the recognition that they get for their work among the scientific community.

V. Purushothaman
Chennai

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The Forbesganj railway station in Bihar. Caste exploitation and poverty are the main reasons why many villagers migrate to other regions in India or abroad. AMARNATH TEWARY

A village in Bihar is a mini Punjab

Many Dalits from Araria district have migrated to Punjab and converted to Sikhism in the hope that it will accord them respect and free them from caste-based exploitation. **Amarnath Tewary** reports on how caste-based discrimination and poverty drive thousands of people away from the State, especially the Kosi area, in search of greener pastures

One muggy afternoon, a pair of goats and a calf lazily graze near a structure with a tin roof, at ward number 3 in Halhalia village of Araria district, Bihar. The structure is surrounded by a bamboo barricade. A board hung outside on the gate reads: 'Gurdwara Sri Akal Sir Sahib'. Loudspeakers have been placed on the roof and a tree branch nearby to amplify the recitation of the Guru Granth Sahib, a holy book treated as a living Guru by the Sikhs.

Nearby, Dilip Singh Rishideo and Pramod Singh Rishideo stand below a neem tree wearing yellow, black, and sky blue turbans on their head and straggly beards. They carry kirpans (short swords or knives with curved blades and one of the five distinguishing signs of the Sikh Khalsa) on the right side of their waist. The Rishideos, who are Dalit, migrated to Punjab many years ago, where they converted to Sikhism. All of them have added 'Singh' to their names.

They are not exceptions. Over half the people of ward number 3 in Halhalia, which has a population of about 750 voters, migrated to Punjab as migrant labourers over the years and returned as Sikhs. "On Gurpurab day (which marks the birth anniversary of the first Sikh Guru, Guru Nanak Dev), the village looks like a mini Punjab," Pramod Singh says, smiling.

"This is our way of getting rid of centuries-old caste-based discrimination and finding respect in society," says Narendra Singh Rishideo, 50, the head priest of the gurdwara, in Hindi laced with a heavy Punjabi accent. "After all, Sikhism talks about equality, humanity, and respect to all."

> Converting to Sikhism is our way of getting rid of caste discrimination and finding respect in society
>
> **NARENDRA SINGH RISHIDEO**
> Priest at Gurdwara

'Sikhism is everyone's voice'

It was Narendra Singh who set up the gurdwara in the village on December 16, 1985. At the age of 12, Narendra migrated to Balliawal village of Ludhiana district in Punjab, where he found a job as a domestic helper. There, he would visit the local gurdwara often. Slowly, he began to listen more and more to the Gurbani, the compositions of Sikh Gurus, and grew enchanted with the hymns.

Narendra stayed there for 25 years, visiting his village in Araria district, located about 322 km from Bihar's capital Patna, only twice. "There was nothing to greet us here except humiliation and poverty, for we belonged to the Dalit Rishideo (Musahar) caste," he says. "I did not come here for the first 10 years of my stay in Punjab."

Narendra recalls painful memories of how members of other castes, such as the Yadavs and Paswans, would not allow the Musahars to sit with them at functions or at festival ceremonies. "They always maintained a physical distance from us," he says.

The outskirts of ward number 3 are known as Musahar *tola* (rat-eaters hamlet). Musahars, who are among the most marginalised communities and also among the poorest, are known to eat rat meat and drink country-made alcohol.

Today, as a priest, Narendra is much in demand; his phone rings every few minutes. In between calls, he recalls how the gurdwara was constructed. "I collected ₹60,000 as donation from the people of Punjab and came here. A member of my family donated 35 decimals (one decimal is one-hundredth of an acre) of land to set up the gurdwara," he says.

Narendra is proud that the gurdwara has grown over time. Now, the campus, filled with flower pots, also houses a two-room concrete school building, a hand pump, and a two-room guest house.

"We celebrate all the Sikh festivals – Vaishaki (spring harvest), Bandi Chhor Divas (commemorating the day the sixth Guru of Sikhs, Guru Hargobind, released 52 prisoners from Gwalior Fort, who had been imprisoned by Mughal Emperor Jahangir), and Gurupurab. Hundreds of Sikhs join the festival here from Patna and districts such as Purnia, Kishanganj, and Katihar. Some even come from Punjab. We are also in touch with the managing committee of the Patna Sahib (where Guru Gobind Singh, the tenth Sikh Guru, was born)," says Narendra. "Sikhism is not a religion, it is everyone's voice."

A half-open SUV, donated by two Chicago-based Sikh businessmen in 2016 to the gurdwara, is parked in a corner of the campus. "When the two brothers came to know about us, they said they wanted to do some *sewa* (service) for the community. We asked them if they could donate a four-wheeler for the emergency needs of the poor villagers and they did," he says.

This is not the only village where Sikhism is thriving in Bihar where the share of Sikhs is just 0.0113% of the population; many migrants from the neighbouring villages of Bara, Parwanpur, Godbelsara, and Bakhri too have converted to Sikhism. Bara also has a gurdwara, he says.

For Narendra, the biggest change in his food habits came from conversion. "We have all stopped eating meat and drinking alcohol. This is the beauty of the Sikh religion," he says and then adds hastily, "Bihar, after all, is a dry State."

The gurdwara in Halhalia village in Araria district. Many Dalits migrated to Punjab years ago, where they converted to Sikhism. One of them, Narendra Singh Rishideo, returned to Halhalia and built this gurdwara. AMARNATH TEWARY

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>
> **GEETA KAUR**
> Resident of Halhalia

The change also comes from economic upward mobility. Those who migrated to other regions say their economic condition has improved. They have, for instance, managed to purchase agricultural land from their savings.

In Bara village, Rupesh Singh Rishideo recalls how he went to Ludhiana to work in a sports factory in the 1990s. "I was impressed with Sikhism. When I came back to my village and saw the gurdwara in Halhalia village, I decided to take help from some villagers and construct one in our village too," he says. Bara village has Rajputs, Yadavs, Paswans, and others. "They generally don't migrate to other places as their economic condition is better than ours. They own agricultural land and harvest grain," says Rupesh.

Rupesh's friend Mani Singh Rishideo too has returned from Punjab. He says his three children have now migrated to Punjab for work. "They are also also attracted to Sikhism and I hope that they too become Sikh," he says while twirling a thin moustache on his weathered face.

Out-migration from Bihar

The story of the Rishideos in Halhalia is the story of migration from Bihar. A largely agrarian society, Bihar ranks the lowest on the Human Development Index and has a per capita income of ₹54,383 (2021-22), which is lower than the per capita income of Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, and Madhya Pradesh. Caste exploitation and poverty are the main reasons why many villagers migrate.

A 2020 study by the Institute of Population Sciences (IIPS), titled 'Causes and Consequences of Out Migration From Middle Ganga Plain', states that more than half the households in Bihar are exposed to out-migration, which means that at least one member from these households migrated to other regions in India such as Punjab, Delhi, Haryana, Maharashtra, and Tamil Nadu, or to countries such as Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE, to work in factories, construction sites, the brick industry, and as carpenters, plumbers, and masons. A majority of these households depend on remittances. "The most important outcome of migration is remittance. It brings about a change in consumption patterns and the lifestyle of families. Remittances result in an increase in the wealth of the family and consequential improvement in education and nutrition of the members of the household," the study says.

Sanjay Singh Rishideo, who has come to pray at the gurdwara, says, "We migrate to other cities in search of a livelihood because there is nothing here for us: no agricultural land, no factories. How are we to feed our families?"

This desperation can be felt and seen in Bihar's railway stations. At the Forbesganj railway station in Araria, Mohd Salman sits on a marbled platform with two black backpacks, waiting for the Seemanchal Express train. "It reaches Anand Vihar railway station in New Delhi 24 hours later. Most of us do not get place even to put a foot inside the train. Sometimes, we can't go to the toilet for a whole day," he says. The 21-year-old works at a sweet shop in Delhi and earns ₹10,000-₹12,000 a month.

At stations like Forbesganj and Araria Court, hundreds of migrants board the train every night, says the station master Manoj Kumar Jha. "People hang from the doors and window sills of trains. They are poor people and are desperate to earn something to run their lives." At the Forbesganj station, hundreds of migrants, mostly young men, sit with backpacks, watching video clips on their cheap mobile sets while waiting for their trains to arrive. Besides Seemanchal Express, the Jan Sewa, Amrapali and Karmabhoomi Express trains carry loads of migrant labourers from the Kosi area daily to different destinations.

"Who wants to leave their home and family behind at this age? But we're poor people. We have always been poor. My father and forefathers too were migrant labourers. What has changed in this State?" Ramjit Paswan, who is waiting at the Forbesganj railway station, says. "If we do not migrate for work and earn, my family back at the village has to go hungry for many days, and sometimes they even have to starve."

River of sorrow

Another factor that forces people to move is the Kosi, known as the "river of sorrow" in Bihar. The Kosi area gets its name from the Kosi river. The Kosi river often gets flooded and ravages the north-eastern districts, including Araria, Katihar, Saharsa, Supaul, Purnia, and Madhepura.

"Every year, the flood wreaks havoc in our lives. We are forced to move from one place to another. My family has constructed a house seven times in the last nine years. When the floods sweep away our belongings, we have no choice but to start life anew," says Rupesh Paswan of Supaul district, about 80 km from Araria.

Research studies on migration show that the average age of migrants from the Kosi area in Bihar is 32 years. "Eighty per cent of the migrants are landless. Migrants send an average remittance of ₹26,020 home," says Mahendra Yadav, an activist of the Kosi area who works for the rights of migrants. In a study published in March 2023 on the people living between the embankments of the river Kosi, Yadav found that of "2001 families, 1,642 members migrated annually in search of their livelihood."

"And then there is the aspect of caste," Yadav continues. "At the bottom of the rung are Dalits. In Bihar they are 'mahadalits' and you will find them on the outskirts of villages. The literacy rate among them is around 6%. The development programmes of the government have not reached them yet. When their condition does not improve even after they toil hard, they migrate to other States."

'We don't want to be Dalits'

In Halhalia village, the Rishideos discuss how Sikhism was like a dream come true, a religion that would accord them respect and free them from caste-based exploitation. Dilip and Pramod returned to their village from Punjab in 2003. Influenced by the priest Narendra, they converted. "In Sikhism there is no caste discrimination. The religious discourse gives us peace of mind. First the villagers used to mock us as we dressed like Sikhs. But now, no one does that," they say. Both of them do voluntary work at the gurdwara besides engaging in odd jobs in the village. Their children have migrated to Noida and Gurugram near Delhi to work as construction labourers.

But some converts are not happy. After returning home, they find that they are still not free from discrimination. Jabni Kaur explains how their status has seen only marginal improvement. "In the Bihar government register, we are still enlisted as Dalits. They haven't included us in the Sikh category. We hope that they will change that and include us in the minority category. We don't want to be Dalits, even in government records," she says.

Geeta Kaur, her friend, says, "Economically our condition may have improved. But socially we are still treated the same. Yes, we notice some change in the perception of villagers here; they don't treat us as badly as before. But still, there is a long way to go for us."

Many of them believe that more people will convert to Sikhism. "No government is serious about improving our condition," they say. "So, it is only natural that many more people may come into our fold."

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SC refuses to stay caste survey data release

Earlier, the Supreme Court had refused to stay the uploading of data collected in the caste-based survey. The Bihar government had argued that the exercise was a "social survey". The Patna High Court, on August 1, had upheld the legality of the survey. The petitioners had argued that Bihar had no authority to conduct such a survey, which was an attempt to usurp the powers of the Centre.

The Union government had maintained that only the Centre and "no other body" was entitled to conduct "either census or any action akin to census" in its reply to the Supreme Court on the Bihar government's caste-based survey.

The affidavit said the Centre was "committed to take all affirmative actions for the upliftment of SCs/STs/SEBCs and OBCs in accordance with the Constitution and the applicable law".

NewsClick case: FIR points to 'conspiracy'

The FIR was filed *suo motu* by Inspector Praveen of the Special Cell of the Delhi Police on August 17, days after the New York Times published a report on August 8, claiming that *NewsClick* had received money from Mr. Singham to spread Chinese propaganda. The FIR accuses Mr. Purkayastha, a Gautam Bhatia, identified as a "key" person, of conspiring to create a legal community network to campaign for and put up a spirited defense in legal cases against Chinese telecom companies such as Xiaomi and Viva, in return for benefits from these companies.

NewsClick had earlier denied the allegations, stating that it does not publish any news or information at the behest of any Chinese entity or authority, directly or indirectly, adding that it does not publish Chinese propaganda on its website. When contacted Mr. Bhatia, who specialises in constitutional issues, refused to offer a comment.

The FIR stated that Chinese telecom companies such as "Xiaomi, Vivo, etc. incorporated thousands of shell companies in India in violation of PMLA/FEMA for illegally infusing foreign funds in India in furtherance of this conspiracy".

Sikkim flood toll rises to 25; search continues

He also declared an immediate relief of ₹2,000 each to all those who are being sheltered in relief camps. "There has been damage worth thousands of crores of rupees... Our first priority is to save those who are stranded and provide them immediate relief," he told *PTI*. "Road connectivity between districts has been cut off and bridges have been washed away. Communication in North Sikkim has been severely affected," Mr. Tamang said.

Of the 23 Army personnel who had gone missing from Bardang area, the bodies of seven have been recovered from different areas downstream while one had been rescued earlier. Search for the rest of the personnel is continuing both in Sikkim and the neighbouring northern part of West Bengal through which the Teesta river flows, he said.

The Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority (SSDMA) said in its latest bulletin that 25 people have died so far and 143 have gone missing.

Pak. journalists await visas for World Cup

The HCA, on its part, has returned the accreditation cards to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and will re-issue if the visas are cleared. "These cards can be misused if they fall into wrong hands, and it's a very sensitive matter. We don't want to take any risks, as there will be a huge inflow of media from different places and other countries. We have not received any communication from the BCCI or the ICC," a senior HCA official said.

The PCB had earlier written to the ICC regarding the delay in visas for Pakistani media and fans. "We spoke to the ICC. The governing body should ensure that Pakistan journalists and fans get their visas for the World Cup. The visa applications were made long back," another source said. Ministry of External Affairs declined to comment when this publication reached out for its response.

'New Maldives President won't be anti-India'

"The campaign against Indian military presence here has subsided and that really wasn't the main campaign point... My feeling is that he will continue with our foreign policy... He would know that the relations with India go back hundreds of years, and I can't see much changing because of a change in government," Mr. Nasheed said, when asked to comment on Dr. Muizzu's statement at a public rally this week that the people had voted against "foreign troops". He indicated that the President-elect may allow approximately 75 Indian military personnel stationed in the Maldives to stay and help maintain and operate the helicopters and Dornier aircraft gifted by India.

HC refuses interim release of NewsClick's Prabir, Amit

Court asks Delhi Police to respond to pleas by the accused challenging their arrest under UAPA; Solicitor-General says allegations serious; Sibal says grounds of arrest were not given to accused

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Friday asked the city police to respond to pleas by *NewsClick* founder Prabir Purkayastha and the news portal's human resources department head, Amit Chakraborty, challenging their arrest in a case lodged under anti-terror law Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

The Delhi office of *NewsClick* remains sealed. PTI

While posting the pleas for hearing on Monday, Justice Tushar Rao Gedela declined a request for the interim release of both Mr. Purkayastha and Mr. Chakraborty for the weekend, saying that "the allegations [do] not seem to be of such a nature which can get you release immediately".

Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, representing the Delhi police, said that the allegations were "more serious than meet the eyes".

Mr. Purkayastha and Mr. Chakraborty were arrested by the Special Cell of the Delhi Police on October 3 and were ordered to remain in their custody till October 11. The police have also sealed the *NewsClick* office in Delhi.

The Delhi police had, on August 17, registered a case under Sections 13, 16, 17, 18, and 22 of the UAPA, pertaining to unlawful activities, raising of funds for a terrorist act, and threatening witnesses, as well as Sections 153 A and 120 B of the Indian Penal Code, pertaining to promoting religious enmity between groups on grounds of religion, and criminal conspiracy respectively.

'Counsel not present'

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, representing Mr. Purkayastha, said that a search was conducted at his client's residence on the morning of October 3, after which he was taken to the office of the Special Cell at Lodhi Road. He was arrested the same evening at around 7 p.m. Mr. Sibal contended that the next day, his client was produced in front of a trial court judge, at the judge's residence, at around 6 a.m. The prosecutor and legal aid counsel were present, but Mr. Purkayastha's legal counsel and family members were not informed, he said.

He added, "What is happening to our courts? That's all I can say. Grounds of arrest are not given to me. Now there is recent judgment of the Supreme Court that grounds of arrest are not only to be communicated but they have to be handed over to the person in writing."

The police accused the *NewsClick* founder of holding discussions with Neville Roy Singham, an "active member of Propaganda department of Communist Party of China", to distort the map of India by projecting Kashmir and Arunachal Pradesh as disputed territory.

Atmosphere of fear is hampering growth of country, says Kejriwal

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister and Aam Aadmi Party national convener Arvind Kejriwal on Friday said that an atmosphere of fear was hampering the growth of the country.

"The country will not progress by playing this agency-agency game. The BJP is spending all its time and resources to entangle people in investigations by various agencies and do no work themselves," he said at a press conference.

Mr. Kejriwal said Prime Minister Narendra Modi was afraid of the Indian National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) and the constant searches against its senior leaders were a result of this fear.

Speaking just days after AAP leader Sanjay Singh was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate, Mr. Kejriwal said, "The entire liquor scam is absolutely baseless and concocted by the BJP. They are filing fake cases to intimidate Opposition leaders. Even when they have been unable to find any evidence, people have been tortured and made to give false statements."

He said the liquor scam would be closed in a few days and the BJP would come up with something new. He recalled how the BJP's allegations of earlier 'scams' (school classroom scam, electricity scam, road building scan) had turned out to be a dead end. "Now it is becoming clear that even the liquor scandal is fake," he noted.

ED summons close aides of AAP MP

NEW DELHI
The Enforcement Directorate has summoned two close aides of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh, arrested in connection with the money laundering probe in the Delhi excise policy case. The summonses were issued to Sarvesh Mishra, who appeared before the probe team on Friday, and Vivek Tyagi. Mr. Singh is in the ED custody till October 10.

Vice-President's tours planned carefully and in advance: Dhankhar

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Dhankar takes veiled shots after Rajasthan CM questioned his frequent visits to the poll-bound State

Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Friday hit out at Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, who recently mocked him for his frequent visits to the poll-bound State.

Without naming the Chief Minister, Mr. Dhankhar said the person questioning him had "neither read the Constitution nor the law", and asked which law prohibited the Vice-President from visiting any State.

Mr. Gehlot had recently accused Mr. Dhankhar of "making light of the Constitutional position" and criticised his visits, calling them "detrimental to democracy".

Mr. Dhankhar, while making a speech at Mody University of Science and Technology at Laxmangarh in Rajasthan, said that people criticising him should know that the Vice-President's tours were planned much in advance and after careful contemplation. "I don't know why they are saying that? I was a little surprised because the person saying this had neither read the Constitution or the law, nor he has kept the dignity of his post," he said.

He said all his visits were on invitation from various organisations and the Central government. "The State government has not organised any programme nor did they invite me for any. I have no problem, it is their discretion," he added.

"The 'Mody' name itself is powerful and the name is enough to make everything possible," Mr. Dhankhar said, drawing veiled attention to the homonymic nature of the university's name.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge had also called out Mr. Dhankar for his visits to Rajasthan, noting that the Vice-President had dropped hints about the women's reservation Bill in a speech there, nearly two weeks before the Bill was tabled in Parliament.

Freebies before elections: SC seeks response from Rajasthan, M.P.

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NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday sought a response from the States of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan on a plea that public funds are being misused to offer irrational freebies ahead of elections.

A Bench comprising Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud and Justices J.B. Pardiwala and Manoj Misra also issued notices to the Centre, the Election Commission, and the Reserve Bank of India on the PIL petition, which also alleged that taxpayers' monies are misused by the two State governments to lure voters.

States get four weeks to respond to the pleas.

Both States are due for Assembly polls in 2023.

"Before elections, all kinds of promises are made... can we [the court] control them?" Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud asked advocate Varinder Sharma, the counsel for petitioner Bhattulal Jain.

The petitioner has argued that the distribution of irrational freebies, using money from the consolidated funds, before elections to lure voters was analogous to the offences of bribery and undue influence under Section 171B and 171C of the Indian Penal Code.

The petition urged the Court to frame comprehensive guidelines on the announcement made by Chief Ministers ahead of elections.

The petition said the Madhya Pradesh government's financial condition was "bad". "Nothing is more atrocious than permitting the government to distribute cash mere months before the elections... the ultimate burden is on taxpayers of this country," it argued.

EC briefs observers ahead of poll season

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NEW DELHI

Ahead of the Assembly elections in Mizoram, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Telangana, the Election Commission on Friday conducted a briefing session for around 1,180 observers who will monitor the polls to ensure the process is free and fair.

The day-long meeting was aimed to streamline strategy to ensure that the model code is implemented effectively, a senior EC official said.

The electoral observers include general, police and expenditure observers and are drawn from the IAS, the IPS, the IRS and other services from across the country.

Addressing a briefing session here, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar directed the observers to ensure a level-playing field by working in a coordinated manner to ensure free, fair and inducement-free elections.

He said the commission was concentrating on presenting a humane face, by facilitating and including people with disabilities, senior citizens (above 80 years) and particularly vulnerable tribal groups (PVTG) with the help of special provisions such as home voting and accessible polling stations.

Instructing observers to monitor social media and ensure corrective action, Election Commissioner Anup Chandra Pandey said the election should not only be fair but must also seen to be fair. Senior officials of the commission also briefed observers on important themes related to elections.

Pawar meets Kharge, Rahul to discuss about INDIA

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar met Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi at Mr. Kharge's official residence on Friday and is learnt to have discussed the next course of action for the Indian National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance (INDIA).

Next steps: The INDIA bloc leaders are said to have discussed holding the next meeting of the alliance. CONGRESS/X

In the meeting that lasted for around 40 minutes, the leaders are said to have discussed holding the next meeting of the INDIA bloc soon.

The bloc's last meeting was held in Mumbai on August 31 and September 1. There has also been no progress on the crucial issue of seat-sharing among the Opposition parties for the Lok Sabha election next year, mostly because the Congress has been focused on the upcoming Assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Telangana and Mizoram.

The first joint public meeting of the bloc, slated to be held in Bhopal this month, was also cancelled following Madhya Pradesh Congress chief Kamal Nath's opposition to it because of the controversial statements regarding *Sanatan Dharma* made by leaders of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, including Tamil Nadu Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin.

"To further strengthen the voice of the people of the country, today, along with Shri Rahul Gandhi *ji*, met NCP President Shri Sharad Pawar *ji*. We are ready for every challenge," Mr. Kharge said in a post on X, while sharing photos of the meeting. Mr. Pawar also posted pictures of the meeting on X.

Some friction

The top Opposition leaders are learnt to have discussed the current political situation and the road ahead for the alliance that hopes to take on the BJP in the Lok Sabha election. Their meeting took place in a political landscape dominated by the Bihar caste survey's findings, growing demands for a caste census by the Congress party, and a bitter war of words between the BJP and the Congress over the issue in poll-bound States like Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. Most of the INDIA bloc parties have supported the demand for a caste census, but Trinamool Congress leader and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is said to be opposed to the idea.

Similarly, while most of the INDIA parties have offered unqualified support to Aam Admi Party (AAP) leader and Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Singh, who was arrested for his alleged involvement in the Delhi liquor scam, the Congress party's support was conditional.

After the AAP government in Punjab arrested Congress MLA and All India Kisan Congress chief Sukhpal Khaira, ties between the two parties, who are both members of the INDIA bloc, have hit a new low.

Caste survey was not done properly, says JD(U) MP

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

Janata Dal(U) MP Sunil Kumar Pintu has raised questions over the Bihar caste-based survey, claiming that the study was done improperly.

The MP alleged that the survey had undercounted people from the Teli community and said that it should be conducted again. "When last caste census was carried out in 1931, the Teli community had 2.8% share in Bihar. Some 90 years later, the Teli community population has just increased by a mere 0.01%. That is impossible," Mr. Pintu said.

'Prof. Swaminathan's contributions will continue to inspire and guide us'

Narendra Modi
Prime Minister of India

A few days ago we lost Professor M.S. Swaminathan. Our nation lost a visionary who revolutionised agricultural science, a stalwart whose contribution to India will always be etched in golden letters.

Professor Swaminathan loved India and wanted our nation, and our farmers in particular, to lead a life of prosperity. Academically brilliant, he could have chosen any career, but he was so impacted by the Bengal famine of 1943 that he was clear that if there is one thing he would do, it would be to study agriculture.

At a relatively young age, he came in contact with Dr. Norman Borlaug and followed his work in great detail. In the 1950s, he was offered a faculty position in the U.S., but he rejected it because he wanted to work in India and for India.

I want you all to think about the challenging circumstances in which he stood as a colossus, guiding our nation towards the path of self-sufficiency and self-confidence. In the first two decades since Independence, we were dealing with immense challenges and one of them was food shortages. In the early 1960s, India was grappling with the ominous shadows of famine and it is then that Professor Swaminathan's unyielding commitment and foresight ushered a new era of agricultural prosperity. His pioneering work in agriculture and specific sectors like wheat breeding led to a significant increase in wheat production, thus turning India from a food-deficient country into a self-sufficient nation. This tremendous achievement earned him the well-deserved title of "Father of the Indian Green Revolution".

His work narrowed the gap between scientific knowledge and its practical application

Pioneering research

The Green Revolution offered a glimpse of India's "Can-Do Spirit" – that if we have a billion challenges, we also have a billion minds with the flame of innovation to overcome those challenges. Five decades after the Green Revolution began, Indian agriculture has become far more modern and progressive. But, the very foundations laid by Professor Swaminathan can never be forgotten.

Over the years, he undertook pioneering research in combatting parasites affecting potato crops. His research also enabled potato crops to withstand cold weather. Today, the world is talking about millets, or Shree Anna, as super foods, but Professor Swaminathan had encouraged discourse around millets since the 1990s.

My personal interactions with Professor Swaminathan were extensive. They began after I took over as Chief Minister of Gujarat in 2001.

During those days, Gujarat was not known for its agricultural prowess. Successive droughts, a super cyclone, and an earthquake had impacted the growth trajectory of the State. Among the many initiatives we launched was the Soil Health Card, which enabled us to understand the soil better and address problems if they arose. It was in the context of this scheme that I met Professor Swaminathan. He appreciated the scheme and also shared his valuable inputs for the same. His endorsement was enough to convince those who were sceptical about the scheme, which would eventually set the stage for Gujarat's agricultural success.

Our interactions continued during my Chief Ministerial tenure and also when I took over as Prime Minister. I met him at the International Agro-Biodiversity Congress in 2016, and in 2017, I launched a two-part book series written by him.

The Kural describes farmers as the pin that holds the world together because it is the farmers who sustain everyone. Professor Swaminathan understood this principle very well. A lot of people call him a "*Krishi Vaigyanik*" – an agricultural scientist. But, I have always believed that he was even more. He was a true "*Kisan Vaigyanik*" – a farmers' scientist. In his heart there was a farmer.

The success of his works is not restricted to their academic excellence; it lies in the impact they have had outside the laboratories, in the farms and the fields. His work narrowed the gap between scientific knowledge and its practical application. He consistently advocated for sustainable agriculture, emphasising the delicate balance between human advancement and ecological sustainability.

Here, I must also note Professor Swaminathan's special emphasis on improving the lives of the small farmers and ensuring they also enjoy the fruits of innovation. He was particularly passionate about improving the lives of women farmers.

Innovation and mentorship

There is another aspect about Professor M.S. Swaminathan which is remarkable – he stands tall as a paragon of innovation and mentorship. When he won the World Food Prize in 1987, the first recipient of this prestigious honour, he used the prize money to establish a not-for-profit research foundation. Till date, it undertakes extensive work across various sectors. He has nurtured countless minds, instilling in them a passion for learning and innovation. In a rapidly changing world, his life reminds us of the enduring power of knowledge, mentorship, and innovation. He was an institution builder as well, having to his credit many centres where vibrant research takes place. One of his stints was as Director, International Rice Research Institute, Manila. The South Asia Regional Centre of International Rice Research Institute was opened in Varanasi in 2018.

I will again cite The *Kural* to pay tributes to Professor Swaminathan. It is written there, "If those who have planned have firmness, they will attain what they have desired the way they have desired." Here was a stalwart who decided early on in his life that he wants to strengthen agriculture and serve farmers. And, he did it exceptionally innovatively and passionately. Professor Swaminathan's contributions continue to inspire and guide us as we navigate the path of agricultural innovation and sustainability.

We must also keep reaffirming our commitment to the principles he held dear, championing the cause of farmers and ensuring the fruits of scientific innovation reach the roots of our agricultural expanse, fostering growth, sustainability, and prosperity for generations to come.

Left-wing extremism to be eliminated in 2 years: Shah

Home Minister says 2022 saw the lowest level of LWE violence and related deaths in the last four decades; CMs of Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh take part in the review meeting

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Status check: Amit Shah chairs a review meeting on Left-wing extremism in New Delhi on Friday. Union Minister Arjun Munda and NSA Ajit Doval were also present. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said Left-wing extremism (LWE) will be totally eliminated from the country in two years and stressed the need for constant surveillance in the areas freed from Naxals so that the problem does not revive there again.

Chairing a meeting to review the security situation in LWE-affected States, Mr. Shah said the Modi government has adopted a policy of zero tolerance against Left-wing extremism since 2014. He said, in 2022 saw the lowest level of LWE violence and deaths in the last four decades.

Left-wing extremism will be totally eliminated from the country in two years, he said, adding, "Naxalism is a curse to humanity and we are resolved to uproot it in all its forms". The meeting was attended by the Chief Ministers of Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand. Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis also attended the meeting where Odisha, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh were represented by State Ministers.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said the face of Naxal-affected areas in the State was changing for the better due to development schemes.

Jharakhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren also advocated continued deployment of paramilitary forces to battle the problem. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy affirmed that Left-wing extremism is on the wane and Maoist activities are confined only to a few pockets

He said vacuum areas have been shrinking since 2019 as 195 new camps of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) have been established while 44 more new ones will be set up.

Mr. Shah said the deployment of CAPFs against LWE, rationalisation of development and setting up camps in vacuum areas are the priorities of the government.

He said there has been a decline of more than 52% in LWE related violence, 69% in deaths, 72% in security force personnel deaths and 68% in civilian deaths between 2014 and 2023 compared to 2005 to 2014.

He said more than 80% of these projects have been completed and ₹3,296 crore released to LWE-affected States.

Rajasthan CM announces three new districts

The Hindu Bureau
JAIPUR

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Friday announced the formation of three new districts - Malpura, Sujangarh and Kuchaman - ahead of the Assembly election, taking the total number of districts to 53. The Congress government had created 19 new districts and three new divisions in August.

Mr. Gehlot said the new districts were being created to meet the public demand and in accordance with the recommendations of a high-level committee. "In future also, matters related to demarcation of districts will continue to be resolved as per the committee's report," Mr. Gehlot said in a post on X (formerly Twitter). While Malpura will be carved out of the existing Tonk district, Sujangarh will be created from Churu and Kuchaman from Nagaur.

The announcement comes shortly before the enforcement of the model code of conduct for the Assembly election.

India to hold discussion with Canada during G-20 Parliament Speakers' meet

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Om Birla

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Friday said that India will raise "all issues" with the Canadian Speaker of the Senate during the upcoming Parliament-20 meeting of the G-20 nations' presiding officers in Delhi next week.

Mr. Birla made these remarks while briefing reporters about the ninth Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P-20) of G-20 nations. He was asked if he would raise the issue of Canada's Parliament being used to make allegations against India with the Speaker of Canada's Senate, Raymonde Gagne.

Informal talks

"We will discuss issues that have been listed for the summit. Other issues will be discussed informally," Mr. Birla responded.

India's relations with Canada have hit a new low after Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau linked Indian agents to the killing of Khalistani separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar and raised the matter in the House of Commons.

Mr. Birla said that the presiding officers of 25 countries and 10 Deputy Speakers from the G-20 member nations and invitee countries are expected to attend the summit.

It will be held at the newly inaugurated India International Convention and Expo Centre – Yashobhoomi – in Delhi from October 12 to 14.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the summit on October 13.

More than 350 delegates are expected to attend the three-day summit that will see the participation of 50 members of Parliament, 14 general secretaries, 26 vice-presidents, the International Parliamentary Union president and the president of the Pan-African Parliament.

"The main theme of the 9th P-20 is proposed to be 'Parliaments for One Earth, One Family, One Future'," the Lok Sabha Speaker said.

Sustainable growth

He said that the P-20 summit will have sessions on "Transformation in People's Lives through Public Digital Platforms", "Women-led Development", "Accelerating Sustainable Development Goals" and Sustainable Energy Transition".

"A pre-summit event, namely Parliamentary Forum on Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE), will be held on October 12 at Yashobhoomi. An exhibition titled 'Mother of Democracy' will also be organised to highlight India's ancient and participative democratic traditions," Mr. Birla said.

Give full protection to Manipur rights activist, urges UNHRC

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Babloo Loitongbam's house was attacked by Meitei Leepun and Arambai Tengol groups in the State

The United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) on Friday urged the authorities to protect the family of Manipur-based human rights activist Babloo Loitongbam, whose house was attacked by Meitei Leepun and Arambai Tengol groups in the conflict-hit State a day earlier.

The global human rights watchdog took to X and wrote, "We are alarmed by threats to human rights defender Babloo Loitongbam by Meitei Leepun and Arambai Tengol groups in Manipur for speaking out on inter-communal violence since May. We urge the authorities to protect him, his family and home. And hold perpetrators accountable."

Talking to *The Hindu*, Mr. Loitongbam said around 20 to 30 miscreants vandalised his residential office located at Kwakeithel Thiyam Leikai, Imphal West on Thursday.

Apart from breaking the car of the activist, the miscreants vandalised the door, windows of his house. The mob also took away the CCTV and got in scuffle with locals who tried to stop the attack.

On the day of the attack, police said the members of Meitei Leepun issued a "boycott call" against Mr. Loitongbam and former police officer Thounaojam Brinda. "I have complained regarding the incident with officials but my family has not received any protection so far. There are four children residing at home at present and all are in trauma since yesterday," Mr. Loitongbam said.

Govt. mandates Aadhaar for disability IDs; activists say mechanism inaccurate

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

People with some disabilities face difficulties in registering their biometric details for Aadhaar. FILE PHOTO

The Centre has issued gazette notifications mandating each Unique Disability ID (UDID) applicant to either produce an Aadhaar card or show proof of having applied for one – irrespective of whether they are a minor or an adult.

This has drawn sharp reactions from activists in the disability sector, who have said that existing mechanisms for counting PwDs are already insufficient and inaccurate, arguing that adding the Aadhaar requirement will only make the process more exclusionary. They have added that people with some types of disabilities caused by conditions like cerebral palsy, certain levels of autism, visual impairments, and leprosy, among others, already face immense trouble while registering for Aadhaar and having their biometrics captured.

A senior government official said, "Many persons apply multiple times, and so it becomes difficult to track how many real applications or cases are pending. Sometimes multiple cards from different hospitals may be taken."

Responding to *The Hindu*'s questions, Rajesh Aggarwal, Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, said, "We are really tracking things and all concerns from various groups. We are in touch with State governments and the UIDAI authorities regarding any problems faced and are ready to do Aadhaar plus disability certificate camps in the districts where problems are flagged."

Gazette notifications

In August, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment issued gazette notifications saying that the UDID scheme required recurring expenditure from the Consolidated Fund of India. As a result, it was being brought under the purview of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016, under Section 7 to deliver all benefits linked to the UDID card.

Dr. Satendra Singh, a faculty at the University College of Medical Sciences in Delhi and disability rights activist, said, "The UDID system has its own flaws. Firstly, even the 2011 Census did not count PwDs accurately and we have no way of knowing how many PwDs currently have Aadhaar cards. But what we know is that for so many different disability types caused by conditions like leprosy, or cerebral palsy, or visual impairments, it will not be possible to register biometrics for Aadhaar at all."

V. Muralidharan of the National Platform for the Rights of the Disabled (NPRD) told *The Hindu* that while even Aadhaar processes have biometric exemption for people with certain conditions, officials on the ground in several States "continue to insist on biometric capture till this day".

Railways to consider shift of job category for women employees

S. Vijay Kumar
CHENNAI

In what could be a huge relief to women employees working as Track Maintainer and Assistant Loco Pilot, the Ministry of Railways has planned to consider their application seeking change in job category.

The move that could benefit women employees facing hardships by their nature of work as Track Maintainers or Assistant Loco Pilots follows representations made by trade unions to the railway management over the years.

In a communication to General Managers of all Zonal Railways, the Railway Board has called for the number of women Track Maintainers and Assistant Loco Pilots who had requested a change in job category in their respective zones.

Acting on a request made by the National Federation of Indian Railwaymen (NFIR) asking to give women Track Maintainers and Assistant Loco Pilots a one-time option to change their job category, the Railway Board initiated the process of collecting information on such employees, including those in other categories, who had sought a shift from their assigned category.

Many women employees engaged as Assistant Loco Pilots have been complaining of poor facilities while on duty, especially during pregnancy and other days when they cannot sit continuously for long hours.

All India Railwaymen Federation president N. Kanniah said the union had represented the problems faced by women employees, particularly crew, track women and Travelling Ticket Examiners, to the Board, and the management had agreed to consider the request of those seeking a shift in job.

INBRIEF

Priyanka promises caste census in Chhattisgarh

Congress national general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Friday announced that if her party returned to power in Chhattisgarh after the 2023 Assembly elections, a "caste census" on the lines of Bihar would be conducted. Addressing a public meeting in Kanker district of Bastar region, Ms. Gandhi also promised 10 lakh houses for the poor if her party got re-elected. She alleged that the BJP-led central government functioned with the rich in mind and did not think of the poor and the middle class. "I have spoken to [Chief Minister Bhupesh] Baghel *ji*, if our government comes to power again in Chhattisgarh, then, like Bihar, a caste census would be conducted here too," she said.

Medical Commission releases book on professional ethics

The National Medical Commission (NMC) on Friday released its first publication, a booklet, titled "Professional Conduct Review - lessons from case archives" by Ethics and Medical Registration Board. In the booklet, the Commission said that to become a "Good Doctor", a Registered Medical Practitioner must deal with patients with compassion and empathy. It deals with the unique doctor-patient relationship through a series of nine cases and notes that the most common cause of complaints against doctors is due to a communication gap. It underlines that if there is a trust deficit, it will lead to litigation against the doctors.

U.S. court allows Tahawwur Rana more time to file motion

A federal U.S. court has allowed Pakistani-origin Canadian businessman Tahawwur Rana time till November 9 to file a motion against his extradition to India to face a trial in the 2008 Mumbai terror attack. In August, Mr. Rana, had appealed before the Ninth Circuit Court against the order by a U.S. District Court in the Central District of California that denied the writ of habeas corpus. The court agreed to his request for more time to file his motion According to the latest court order, Mr. Rana's brief is now due on November 9 and the government's answer will be due on December 11, 2023. PTI

Boy killed, 5 injured as mortar shell carried by flood goes off

A boy was killed and five others were injured in West Bengal's Jalpaiguri district as a mortar shell reportedly carried by the floodwaters of Teesta river exploded, the police said on Friday. Initial reports had said that two persons were killed. The police believe the mortar shell belonged to the Army and was carried by floodwaters following Wednesday's flash floods in Sikkim. Sources said the blast took place at Champadanga village on Thursday evening when one person took the mortar shell home and tried to break it open. The police have issued an advisory urging people not to handle any firearm or explosive flowing down the river. PTI

HC acquits convict who was given death penalty

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

The Calcutta High Court on Friday acquitted a capital punishment convict and commuted the death sentence of two others to life imprisonment in the gangrape and murder of a woman at Kamduni in West Bengal's North 24 Parganas. The gangrape and murder of the 21-year-old college student on June 7, 2013 had shocked the State and triggered public outrage. A Division Bench of Justices acquitted Amin Ali and commuted the death sentence of Saiful Ali and Ansar Ali to imprisonment till the end of their natural life. The trail court had in 2016 awarded capital punishment to Amin Ali, Saiful Ali and Ansar Ali, while Imanul Islam, Aminul Islam and Bhola Naskar had been sentenced to life imprisonment. The court observed that the trial court erred in awarding death penalty with reference to the gravity of the offence alone and the State has failed to prove the conspiracy in the crime beyond reasonable doubt.

7 killed, over 50 hurt in fire that broke out in Mumbai building

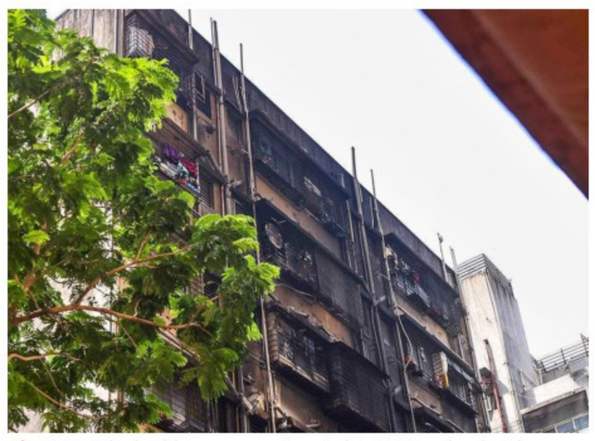
An official said the blaze gutted shops, scrap material and cars on the ground floor; the cause of the fire is still under investigation

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Seven people were killed and more than 50 were injured after a fire broke out at building in Mumbai's suburban area Goregaon west on October 6.

"A massive fire started around 3.10 a.m. at Jay Bhavani building in Goregaon West's Azad Nagar locality. The injured were taken to two hospitals, Hinduhridaysamrat Balasaheb Thackeray Hospital and Cooper Hospital, in Mumbai," an official from Mumbai's civic body Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation said.

The official confirmed that the fire was extinguished after nearly four hours, around 6.54 a.m. Out of the seven dead, there are two minors and from those injured, 22 were men and 28 females, including one minor. The official said, the fire burnt down shops, scrap material, cars on the ground floor. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.



Fire fury: The building was constructed in 2006 under the Slum Rehabilitation scheme and had no fire-fighting system. ANI

A Fire Officer said Jay Building was constructed in 2006 under the Slum Rehabilitation scheme and had no fire-fighting system. The lift was old and significant amount of smoke travelled through lift duct.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "An ex-gratia of ₹2 lakh from PMNRF would be given to the next of kin of each deceased. The injured would be given ₹50,000"

Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said, "I express my condolences to those who died.. The government will provide monetary help of ₹5 lakh to their families..."

Social media platforms told to remove child sexual abuse content

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The firms would lose intermediary liability protections if they don't take action, warns the Centre

YouTube, Telegram and X (formerly Twitter) have been told to proactively filter child sexual abuse material (CSAM) out "on the Indian Internet", the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology said on Friday.

The notices to the platforms, the government said, threatened the firms that they would lose intermediary liability protections if they didn't take action, meaning that the companies would themselves be open to legal action alongside users who posted CSAM.

An editor at a financial daily said the notices were sent a day after the paper had reached out to the government about such content available on these platforms.

In a statement, YouTube spokesperson said: "We have a zero-tolerance policy on child sexual abuse material. No form of content that endangers minors is acceptable to us. We have heavily invested in the technology and teams to fight child sexual abuse and exploitation online and take swift action to remove it as quickly as possible. In Q2 2023, we removed over 94,000 channels and over 2.5 million videos for violations of our child safety policies. We will continue to work with experts inside and outside of YouTube to provide minors and families the best protections possible."

The other two companies did not immediately have a comment to offer on the notice.

X does not appear to make any claims about what tools it uses to proactively remove CSAM.

As For Telegram, the messaging app is end-to-end encrypted for personal chat, but not so for 'channels'. It is unclear whether Telegram uses any proactive CSAM detection technologies.

No HC should deny video conferencing or hybrid hearings: SC

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Technology is no longer a matter of choice... to be a judge, learn to use technology, says CJI

The Supreme Court gave High Courts two weeks to get their video conferencing and hybrid hearing equipment up and running, stating that if one wanted to be a judge, one had to know how to use technology.

The Supreme Court directed that High Courts would provide adequate Internet and free Wi-Fi to lawyers and litigants in their precincts. The links to the hearings would be provided in the daily cause lists. All the High Courts would put in place a standard operating procedure for video conferencing and hybrid mode of hearings within four weeks. Delhi High Court judge, Justice Rajiv Shakdher would prepare a model SOP in conjunction with the Supreme Court-appointed amici curiae, advocates Gaurav Agarwal and K. Parameshwar.

"Technology is no longer a matter of choice. You want to be a judge, learn how to use technology," Chief Justice Chandrachud said in court.

The Chief Justice was addressing the "reticence" among High Court judges, including some Chief Justices of State High Courts, to use the hybrid mode. Some High Courts have dismantled equipment installed during the COVID days. Other High Court insist that lawyers and litigants come physically to court rather than have a choice to appear online.

In a hearing, the Chief Justice had said in court that he was disturbed by the attitude of certain High Court Chief Justices who are disbanding technological infrastructure created by using public money.

Conference to address inequality in agriculture

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A four-day long conference, hosted by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) to begin here on Monday, will discuss lack of access to women farmers to land rights, farm inputs and the inequality in agriculture. President Droupadi Murmu will inaugurate the conference, which will be attended by agriculture scientists, farmers and policy makers from about 60 countries. Talking to reporters, ICAR Director General Himanshu Pathak said recommendations would be sent to the policy makers of these countries. He said the measures to address this inequality must be equitable and scientifically correct. "It must be just in social, scientific and policy point of view. We want to do things scientifically," Dr. Pathak said.

Two out of five amphibians are facing extinction threat due to climate change: study

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

A new paper analysing two decades of data from around the world has found that climate change is emerging as one of the biggest threats to frogs, salamanders, and caecilians.

The study titled 'Ongoing declines for the world's amphibians in the face of emerging threats' was published on October 4 in the scientific journal, *Nature*.

The study is based on the second global amphibian assessment coordinated by the Amphibian Red List Authority, a branch of the Amphibian Specialist Group of the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Species Survival Commission and managed by Re:wild, a wildlife conservation group.

The assessment evaluated the extinction risk of more than 8,000 amphibian species from all over the world, including 2,286 species evaluated for the first time. More than 1,000 experts across the globe, including scientists and researchers from Assam-based biodiversity conservation organisation, Aaranyak, and other Indian institutions, contributed their data and expertise.

Icthyophis garoensis, a species of caecilian.

The data revealed that two out of every five amphibians are threatened with extinction. These data will be published on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.

Between 2004 and 2022, a few critical threats have pushed more than 300 amphibians closer to extinction, according to the study. Climate change was the primary threat for 39% of these species. This number is expected to rise as better data and projections on species' responses to climate change become available. Climate change is especially concerning for amphibians in large part because they are particularly sensitive to changes in their environment, the study said.

"As humans drive changes in the climate and to habitats, amphibians are becoming climate captives, unable to move very far to escape the climate change-induced increase in frequency and intensity of extreme heat, wildfires, drought and hurricanes," Jennifer Luedtke Swandby, Re:wild's manager of species partnerships said.

Habitat destruction and degradation affect 93% of all threatened amphibian species, the authors pointed out while underlining the importance of expanded habitat and corridor protection in the places important for biodiversity.

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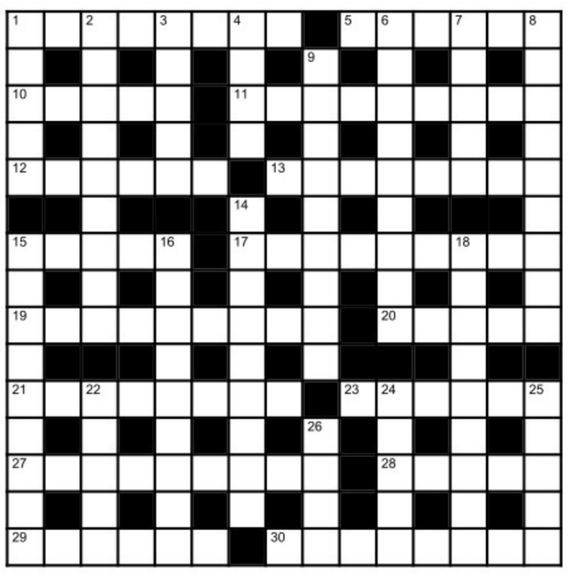

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13 A member of early nomadic tribe shivered in yacht after commencement of storm (8)
15 Rock ocean vessel (5)
17 Witnesses Oscar playing snooker around end of April (9)
19 Leader's identity papers concealed in gift (9)
20 South African car crushed large spinal bones (5)
21 Inform and close (8)
23 Food stuffs made using organs from farmed animal, for starters, with a bit of lime and spice (6)
27 Spoilt brats also get three under par (9)
28 Metal block carried by warring Ottomans (5)
29 Lure ward to go on frozen water (6)
30 Think about blending cider, son (8)

Down

1 Took seat amid soft cloth (5)
2 Can invade violently before time (2,7)
3 Endless energy arranged from natural and renewable sources (5)
4 Remove dental surgeon travelling after leaving Greenland (4)
6 Travelling India to US for hearings (9)
7 Wrongly lied about husband in union territory (5)
8 One's in Bharat, a country in Asia (9)
9 Let cocoa, containing a bit of honey, melt to make a sweet (9)
14 Get good ad composed to become aggressive (3,3,3)
15 Enthral short military officer at four with extraordinary serving of tea (9)
16 Mysterious giant mice running around (9)
18 Swapped caged hen injured after swallowing spot marker (9)
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24 Female becomes sick and does not succeed (5)
25 After dropping note, artiste tuned instrument (5)
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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Greatness of Nayanmars

All of us are in constant pursuit of divine blessings and try various measures to obtain the same. However, the 63 Saivite Nayanmars have shown us that God will always come to the aid of those who exemplify utter devotion by reposing total faith in Him, said P. Swaminathan in a discourse.

All the 63 saints were from various walks of life and none is greater than the other. They were living examples of proponents of bhakti and Saranagati (total surrender). None of them accumulated material wealth, but invested on spreading the word of God, regardless of the challenges and adversities encountered by them.

Many parents often test their children, in order to help them excel in pursuit of knowledge or sports. Similarly, God tests those who love Him. The life of Kulachirai Nayanar is a case in point. Born in a small hamlet near Aranthangi, he went on to become a renowned administrator and a Nayanmar. His devotional feats are celebrated in the works of Sundaramurthy Nayanar and Ottakoothar, among others. Kulachirai Nayanar, a staunch devotee of Siva, dedicated his life to serving the sivanadiyars and his inherent bhakti, integrity and innate honesty increased manifold, resulting in the Pandya King appointing him as his Prime Minister. God never fails to offer His blessings to the true devotee.

LONDON

U.K. Opposition Labour party hails big win in Scottish byelection

AP

Britain's main Opposition Labour party on Friday welcomed a big local election win in Scotland by Michael Shanks as a sign its electoral fortunes were changing ahead of general election. Labour needs to win back some of the 40 seats it lost in Scotland in 2015 if it is to have a chance of ousting Rishi Sunak's government. AFP

RAMALLAH

Palestinian killed in clashes with Israelis in occupied West Bank

REUTERS

A Palestinian was killed early on Friday during clashes with Israeli soldiers and settlers in a town that has been the scene of frequent violence in the occupied West Bank. The Israeli Army said in a statement that a suspect had been shot by soldiers, and was unable to confirm whether the Palestinian had been killed or wounded. AFP

CARACAS

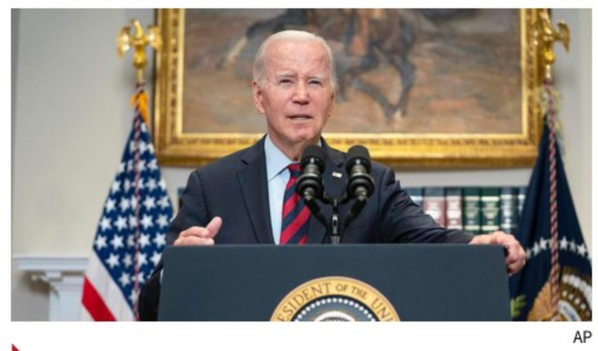
Venezuela issues arrest warrant for Opposition leader Guaido

REUTERS

The Venezuelan prosecutor's office said on Thursday it had issued an arrest warrant for Opposition leader Juan Guaido and would ask for Interpol's help in his apprehension. Living in exile in the U.S., Mr. Guaido was accused of treason, usurpation of functions, money laundering and association with a view to committing a crime. AFP

WASHINGTON

Had to use Trump-era funds for the border wall, says Biden



AP

U.S. President Joe Biden on Thursday defended the decision to waive 26 federal laws in South Texas to allow for construction of 20 miles of additional border wall, saying he had no choice but to use the Trump-era funding for the barrier to stop illegal migration from Mexico. Asked if he thought such walls work, he said flatly, "No." AP

Cycles of protests show change in Iran is 'irreversible': Mohammadi

The Nobel Peace laureate, who was first arrested 22 years ago, has spent much of the past two decades in and out of jail over her unstinting campaigning for human rights in Iran; she has most recently been incarcerated since November 2021

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

The weakening of the religious element has created a vacuum that the government has not been able to fill, Mohammadi says.

Rights campaigner and 2023 Nobel Peace laureate Narges Mohammadi said in a September interview that she retained hope for change in Iran, despite having no prospect of release from prison and enduring the pain of separation from her family.

In the interview, where Ms. Mohammadi gave written answers to AFP from Evin prison in Tehran, she insisted the protest movement that erupted one year ago in Iran against the Islamic republic is still alive.

First arrested 22 years ago, Ms. Mohammadi, 51, has spent much of the past two decades in and out of jail over her unstinting campaigning for human rights in Iran. She has most recently been incarcerated since November 2021 and has not seen her children for eight years.

While she could only witness from behind bars the protests that broke out following the death on September 16, 2022 of Mahsa Amini – who had been arrested for violating Iran's strict dress rules for women – she said the movement made clear the levels of dissatisfaction in society.

Noting that Iran had even before September 2022 seen repeated protest outbreaks, she added: "We have seen cycles of protests in recent years and this shows the irreversible nature of the situation and the scope for the expansion of the protests."

She said that after "44 years of oppression, discrimination and continuous repression of the government against women" the protests had "accelerated the process of realising democracy, freedom and equality in Iran".

Ms. Mohammadi said the protests had involved people "beyond urban areas and educated classes". "The weakening of the religious element has created a vacuum that the government has not been able to fill with other economic and social factors, as the government is essentially ineffective and corrupt."

Deadly new strike as Kyiv mourns death of dozens

Agence France-Presse
KHARKIV

Volley of missiles: Rescuers clearing debris of a residential building after a Russian missile strike in Kharkiv on Friday. AFP

A 10-year-old and his grandmother were killed on Friday when Russian missiles smashed into Kharkiv in eastern Ukraine, just hours after another attack left dozens dead at a wake in a nearby village.

Rescue workers in Kharkiv were extinguishing fires next to charred vehicles, and twisted missile fragments lay in a deep crater in the centre of the city, a pressperson at the scene said.

Multiple-storey buildings surrounding the debris-strewn blast site were scarred by the impact of two cruise missiles, with dozens of windows blown out. Dazed residents walked beneath the skeletal housing blocks.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said the attack had killed a 10-year-old boy and described the strikes as another example of "Russian terror" in a statement offering condolences to the child's family.

Kharkiv regional Governor Oleg Synegubov said later that municipal workers had retrieved another body.

Another 28 people had been wounded, he added.

Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city that lies in a region bordering Russia, has been under persistent Russian shelling since Moscow's forces invaded in February last year.

Philippines condemns Chinese Coast Guard

Associated Press
ABOARD BRP SINDANGAN

A Chinese coast guard ship came within a metre of colliding with a Philippine patrol ship, *BRP Sindangan*, it was trying to block in the South China Sea, in an alarming incident that intensified fears that territorial disputes in the waters could spark a larger crisis.

The Philippines on Friday strongly condemned the Chinese ship's manoeuvres near Second Thomas Shoal, which the Asian neighbours both claim. "It's the closest dangerous manoeuvre", Philippine coast guard spokesperson Commodore Jay Tarriela said.

Russia might pull back from nuclear test treaty

Associated Press
MOSCOW

Russian lawmakers will consider revoking the ratification of a global nuclear test ban, the Parliament Speaker said on Friday.

The statement from Vyacheslav Volodin, the Speaker of the Lower House, the State Duma, followed Russian President Vladimir Putin's warning that Moscow could consider rescinding the ratification of the international pact banning nuclear tests since the United States has never ratified it.

There are widespread concerns that Russia could move to resume nuclear tests to try to discourage the West from continuing to offer military support to Ukraine. Many Russian hawks have spoken in favour of resuming the tests.

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Mr. Volodin reaffirmed Moscow's claim that Western military support for Ukraine means the U.S. and its allies are engaged in the conflict. He said that senior lawmakers will discuss recalling the 2000 ratification of the nuclear test ban at the next meeting of the House Council.

Speaking Thursday at a forum with foreign affairs experts, Putin noted the United States has signed but not ratified the 1996 Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban, while Russia has signed and ratified it.

Funerals held in Syria for dozens of victims

Associated Press
HOMS

Family members of some of the victims of a deadly drone attack on a crowded military graduation ceremony that killed scores gathered outside a military hospital in the central city of Homs on Friday to collect the bodies of their loved ones, who died in one of Syria's deadliest single attacks in years.

Thursday's strike on the Homs Military Academy killed 89 people, including 31 women and five children, and wounded as many as 277, according to the Health Ministry. The death toll could rise as some of the wounded are critical.

Trump endorses Jordan for U.S. House Speaker post

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

Jim Jordan

Former U.S. president Donald Trump on Friday endorsed hard-right Republican Jim Jordan for the job of speaker of the House of Representatives. Mr. Trump took to his Truth Social platform to say Mr. Jordan "will be a GREAT Speaker of the House, & has my Complete & Total Endorsement!"

Hours earlier he had offered to temporarily take up the role, which was left vacant this week after Republican Kevin McCarthy was axed in a historic rebellion by far-right members of his own party.

Mr. Jordan, 59, is among a list of contenders to replace Mr. McCarthy, and has been notably skeptical of U.S. funding to Ukraine.

Mr. Jordan has also been spearheading an impeachment investigation against President Joe Biden that has irritated mainstream colleagues.

Earlier Mr. Trump had told *Fox News* that he had "been asked to speak as a unifier because I have so many friends in Congress".

"If they don't get the vote, they have asked me if I would consider taking the Speakership until they get somebody longer-term, because I am running for President."

But former Republican congresswoman Barbara Comstock told *CNN* that Mr. Trump would not be eligible for the role because he has been charged with criminal offences.

Trial in March

Mr. Trump, the frontrunner for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination, is slated to go on trial in Washington next March for allegedly conspiring to subvert the results of the November 2020 election won by Democrat Biden.

Other criminal cases against Mr. Trump include racketeering charges in Georgia for allegedly conspiring to upend the election results in the southern state and a trial in Florida in May 2024 on charges of mishandling top secret government documents. Mr. Trump and his two eldest sons are also currently facing a civil fraud trial in New York for inflating the value of their real estate assets to receive more favourable bank loans and insurance terms.

Odisha State Medical Corporation Limited (OSMCL)
In front of Ram Mandir, Convent Square, Unit-III, Bhubaneswar-751001
Tel.:(0674) 2380608; Website:www.osmcl.nic.in; Email: proc.osmcl.od@nic.in
Assuring Quality, Saving Lives
Notification No.9953/OSMCL/2023 Date : 05.10.2023
NOTICE INVITING E-Tender for Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Blood Bank Equipment with Reagents & Micro-Pipettes
Online Bids through e-Tender portal (https://tendersodisha.gov.in) are invited from eligible bidders for supply, installation & commissioning of Equipment as per the particulars mentioned below:

Sl.	Bid Reference No.	Item Name	Bid Document Cost inclusive of GST (Rs.)
1.	OSMCL/2023-24/Blood Bank_EQP with reagents & Micro-pipettes/21	Tender for Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Blood Bank Equipment with reagents & Micro-pipettes	Rs.5,900/-

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date and time	
1.	Date & time of release of bid	06/10/2023, 5 PM	
2.	Date & time of Pre-Bid Meeting	16/10/2023, 11.30 AM Venue : Conference Hall, Odisha State Medical Corporation Ltd., In front of Ram Mandir,Convent Square, Unit-III, Bhubaneswar	
3.	Date & time of Online bid submission	Start Date & Time 25/10/2023, 3 PM	End Date & Time 13/11/2023, 5 PM
4.	Date& time of Online Technical bid Opening	16/11/2023, 3 PM	
5.	Date of opening of Price Bid	To be informed to the qualified bidders	

The bid document with all information relating to the bidding process including cost of bid document, Prequalification criteria and terms & conditions are available in the websites: www.osmcl.nic.in and https://tendersodisha.gov.in. The Authority reserves the right to accept / reject any part thereof or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof.
Managing Director, OSMCL
CAD-2326 OIPR-10112/11/0027/2324

KANNUR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LIMITED
Tenders are invited by Managing Director, KIAL for the following work:
Tender No. : KIAL/CARGO/RFQ/39/2023/1
Name of work : Request for Qualification (RFQ) for Appointment of a Regulated Agent for Air Cargo Operations at Kannur International Airport.
Last Date of Submission:
30 October 2023, 1600 hrs
For more details please visit:
www.kannurairport.aero

KING GEORGE'S MEDICAL UNIVERSITY
UTTAR PRADESH, LUCKNOW
Website:-www.kgmu.org
Email:-registrar@kgmcindia.edu
No. 30/E/2023 Dated : 03.10.2023
Join KGMU through Deputation
Applications invited from experienced individuals to join various non-teaching posts in KGMU through deputation. For details see www.kgmu.org. Last date of application is 17-11-2023.
(Registrar)

PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY
MARINE DEPARTMENT
No.MD/ACCTS/WK/R-11/2023/1272
Date : 05/10/2023
e-TENDER CALL NOTICE (e-TCN) cum e-Auction
Name of the work : "Manning, Maintenance and commercial operation of Port Craft MPV Pushpagiri on payment of License fee for a period of 03 years (1096) Days. Estimated Cost put to tender: Approx.Rs.1,74,48,006/- plus GST as applicable for 03 years. Last Date & time of submission of tender through on-line bidding is 17:00 hours on Dt.26/10/2023. Technical Bids shall be opened at 15:30 hours on Dt.27/10/2023. For details, please log on to the Website: https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app.
Deputy Conservator, PPA
PPA/PR/51/2023-24, Dt.06/10/2023

SRI VENKATESWARA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES - TIRUPATI
TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS
(A University Established by an Act of A.P. State Legislature)
e- TENDER NOTICE
Tenders are invited through e-tendering process in ap-eprocurement platform (Two bid system) for the **Medical Equipment.** For details Log on to the website https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in & https://svimstpt.ap.nic.in The Director-cum-VC reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.
DONATE LIBERALLY TO "SRI BALAJI AROGYA VARAPRASADINI SCHEME" DIRECTOR-CUM-V.C.

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Assuring Quality, Saving Lives
Notification No.9946/OSMCL/2023 Date : 05.10.2023
NOTICE INVITING E-Tender for SUPPLY OF HAND INSTRUMENTS FOR DEPT. OF ENT ON RATE CONTRACT BASIS
Online Bids through e-Tender portal (https://tendersodisha.gov.in) are invited from eligible bidders for supply, installation & commissioning of Equipment as per the particulars mentioned below:

Sl.	Bid Reference No.	Item Name	Bid Document Cost inclusive of GST (Rs.)
1.	OSMCL/2023-24/ENT HAND INSTRUMENT_EQP/20	Tender for Supply of Hand Instrument for Dept. of ENT on Rate Contract Basis.	Rs.5,900/-

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date and time	
1.	Date & time of release of bid	05/10/2023, 5 PM	
2.	Date & time of Pre-Bid Meeting	11/10/2023, 11.30 AM Venue : Conference Hall, Odisha State Medical Corporation Ltd., In front of Ram Mandir,Convent Square, Unit-III, Bhubaneswar	
3.	Date & time of Online bid submission	Start Date & Time 17/10/2023, 3 PM	End Date & Time 06/11/2023, 5 PM
4.	Date& time of Online Technical bid Opening	08/11/2023, 3 PM	
5.	Date of opening of Price Bid	To be informed to the qualified bidders	

The bid document with all information relating to the bidding process including cost of bid document, Prequalification criteria and terms & conditions are available in the websites: www.osmcl.nic.in and https://tendersodisha.gov.in. The Authority reserves the right to accept / reject any part thereof or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof.
Managing Director, OSMCL
CAD-2325 OIPR-10112/11/0026/2324

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OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF (CIVIL), ODISHA
NIRMAN SOUDHA, UNIT-V, BHUBANESWAR
INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)
File No-No- B-IV-H-(H&D)-24/20 Lr. No.- 40838 Bhubaneswar, the 27th Sept., 2023
Invitation For Bids
Bid Identification No. C.E. (B) - 29 / 2023-24

1.	The Chief Engineer, Buildings, Odisha, Bhubaneswar, on behalf of Governor of Odisha, invites percentage rate bids in double cover system in ONLINE MODE only, for the work, **"Construction of 50 Bedded Integrated Ayush Hospital and Staff Quarters at Balasore for the year 2023-24" amounting to Rs.11,11,00,155/- (Approximate)** as detailed below.		
2.	Nature of work	:	Building Work
3.	No. of work	:	1 No.
4.	Bid Cost	:	₹.10,000/- (each)
5.	Class of Contractor	:	'A' / Special Class
6.	Availability of Bid Documents in the website	:	From dt.07.10.2023 to 17:00 Hours of dt.25.10.2023.
7.	Date of Opening of Bid	:	Dt. 26.10.2023 at 11:30 AM
8.	The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: https://tendersodisha.gov.in. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website only.		

B-1029: Chief Engineer, Buildings, Odisha, Bhubaneswar
OIPR-34117/11/0070/2324

INBRIEF

TCS to consider share buyback next week

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) on Friday said it will consider a share buyback when its board meets next Wednesday to approve the Q2 results. TCS, however, did not disclose the quantum of the buyback it was considering. It had last bought back shares worth ₹160 billion ($1.92 billion) in 2020. The buyback comes at a time Indian IT services companies are grappling with an uncertain demand environment, especially in the U.S., a key market for the sector. REUTERS

Kalyan Jewellers to add 33 showrooms before Diwali

Kalyan Jewellers on Friday said it planned to open 33 new showrooms in India before Diwali. In a regulatory filing, the company said it will unveil showrooms in Kalyan and Candere formats across the country. Kalyan Jewellers had opened 13 showrooms across non-South markets during the July-September quarter of the current fiscal. In addition, the company signed six letters of intent for the first set of pilot franchised showrooms in the south region. PTI

NSE to unveil options on WTI crude oil, natural gas futures

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on Friday said it will unveil options on NYMEX WTI crude oil and natural gas futures contracts in its commodity derivatives segment from October 9. "The exchange has received approval from SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) for launching options contracts on underlying WTI crude oil and natural gas futures. The contracts would be available for trading from October 9," the NSE said in a circular. PTI

RBI flags inflation risk to stability

MPC leaves benchmark interest rates unchanged for a fourth straight meeting, reiterates its real GDP growth and retail inflation projections for the fiscal year at 6.5% and 5.4%, respectively; Das vows to ensure retail price gains tamed to 4%

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India views 'high inflation as a major risk to macroeconomic stability and sustainable growth', and accordingly monetary policy has been focused on aligning inflation to the 4% target on a durable basis, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said on Friday as he announced the Monetary Policy Committee's decision to keep the policy repo rate unchanged at 6.50%.

Elaborating on the MPC's rationale for leaving interest rates unchanged for a fourth straight meeting, he said a silver lining of declining core inflation notwithstanding , the overall inflation outlook was clouded by uncertainties that included the fall in kharif sowing for key crops like pulses and oil seeds, low reservoir levels, and volatile global food and energy prices.

On watch

The MPC remains alert and ready to take timely measures to align inflation to the 4% target on a durable basis to preserve macroeconomic stability, says Das

- Cites uncertainties including fall in kharif sowing of pulses and oil seeds, low reservoir levels as clouding inflation outlook
- Terms declining core inflation (CPI excluding food, fuel components) as silver lining

- MPC raises its headline retail inflation projection for the second quarter ended Sept. 30 by 20 basis points to 6.4%

'Alert, ready to act'

Asserting that the MPC remained alert and prepared to undertake timely policy measures to align inflation to the target and anchor inflation expectations, he observed that headwinds from geopolitical tensions and geo-economic fragmentation, volatility in global financial markets, global economic slowdown, and the uneven distribution of monsoon rains posed risks to the outlook.

The RBI also retained its real GDP growth forecast for 2023-24 at 6.5% and its forecast for average CPI inflation for the current fiscal year at 5.4%. The MPC, however, raised its headline inflation projection for the second quarter that ended on September 30, by 20 basis points to 6.4%. "I would like to emphatically reiterate that our inflation target is 4% and not 2 to 6%," Mr. Das stressed, later adding monetary policy would remain actively anti-inflationary at the current juncture.

RBI not worried about the Centre's financial health: Das

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

Shaktikanta Das

Despite government spending picking up and set to gain further momentum, the Reserve Bank of India is not worried about the Centre's financial health, said RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das on Friday.

"The government has a fiscal consolidation path which they have announced in the [last Union] budget. There was fiscal expansion during Covid but the overall expansion that India undertook in the fiscal was very calibrated and targeted," Mr. Das said while answering a question from *The Hindu*.

The Centre's fiscal deficit hit 36% of its annual target in the first five months of the current fiscal, up from 32.6% during the same period the last fiscal.

RBI proposes anonymising card details at the bank level

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

To further secure online transactions, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday proposed to allow banks to "tokenise" debit or credit cards.

Observing that Card-on-File Tokenisation (CoFT), which anonymises card details, had so far been offered at merchant sites, RBI's Shaktikanta Das said bank level tokenisation would enable cardholders to get tokens created and linked to their existing accounts with various e-commerce applications.

RBI holding key rate on expected lines: IBA

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India's decision to hold the key rate is on expected lines, said A.K. Goel, Chairman, Indian Banks' Association (IBA) & MD & CEO, Punjab National Bank.

"Softening of the core inflation to 4.9% during July-August 2023 would have given comfort to the RBI for keeping the status quo on its retail inflation projection for FY24," he said.

"It has also been highlighted the aim of the RBI is to bring the inflation to 4%, emphasising the focus of RBI is still on managing inflation at the comfort zone," he added.

"Inflation seems to have peaked and a correction in prices over the near term looks probable," said Subhrakant Panda, President, of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI).

"In line with the Monetary Policy Committee's observation on recurring food-price shocks impacting inflation, FICCI reiterates de-risking food supply chains from weather-related disruptions must be a priority," he said.

"The RBI is vigilant on inflation and ready to act if required," said Zarin Daruwala, Cluster CEO, Standard Chartered Bank.

Air India opens 54,000 sq.ft. warehouse at Delhi airport

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Air India has opened a 54,000 sq.ft. mega warehouse facility at the Delhi airport with capacity to store more than a million engineering spare parts to ensure quick checks and repairs of its aircraft.

The facility is located at the Delhi airport's cargo terminal near Terminal 3, close to AI's hangars.

The warehouse will meet maintenance requirements of Air India, Air India Express and AIX Connect fleet from a centralised location by integrating 16 smaller facilities scattered across Delhi and Mumbai, the airline said in a press statement.

U.S. job growth surge in Sept. hints at more Fed tightening ahead

The labour market remains strong enough for the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates

Reuters
WASHINGTON

U.S. job growth surged in September, suggesting that the labour market remains strong enough for the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates this year, though wage growth is moderating.

Non-farm payrolls increased by 3,36,000 jobs last month, the Labour Department said in its closely-watched employment report on Friday. Data for August was revised higher to show 2,27,000 jobs added instead of the previously reported 1,87,000.

Economists polled by Reuters had forecast payrolls rising by 1,70,000 jobs. Estimates ranged from 90,000 to 2,56,000. The larger-than-expected increase was despite the tendency for the initial September payrolls print to be biased lower because of seasonal adjustment issues related to the return of education workers after the summer break.

The economy needs to create roughly 1,00,000 jobs per month to keep up with growth in the working-age population.

Steel firms said to mull price rises on coal-cost surge

Reuters
NEW DELHI

Indian steel companies plan to raise prices of various grades of the alloy due to rising import costs of coking coal, especially from major producer Australia, officials at four domestic mills said.

Steel mills are likely to raise rates by $25 to $50 a metric tonne by December, said the officials, who did not wish to be named.

Prices for Australian coking coal have risen 50% to more than $350 a metric tonne due to factors such as maintenance outages, said Banmeet Khurmi, metallurgical coal analyst at London-based CRU, a commodity-research group.

TVSM, BMW start making e-2-wheelers

N. Anand
HOSUR

TVS Motor Co. Ltd., and BMW Motorrad announced the joint production of electric 2-wheeler BMW CE 02 at Hosur for the global market.

The EV was developed by the two companies.

The e2w, showcased in Munich in July, would have a range of 90km and be introduced in Europe in April 2024 at a price of €8,500, Markus Schramm, head of BMW Motorrad told the media here.

Clarifying BMW would not be foraying into the highly-competitive 125cc scooter segment globally, he said the two firms were

jointly developing e2ws in the same segment with the same performance using a 11 kW battery.

"This e2w is targeted at the young population," said TVSM Director and CEO K. N. Radhakrishnan. "Scope includes design and development."

(The correspondent was in Hosur at the invitation of the TVS Motor Company)

'Keen to keep aircraft lessors' faith in India'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Indian government's recent move to protect aircraft lessors when an airline is under insolvency could prevent an estimated loss of $1.2-1.3 billion, which airlines were at risk of incurring due to increased risk perception, according to the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

Committed to lessors

"India is committed to keeping lessors' confidence in the Indian aviation market intact by reducing their risks," the Ministry said in a press statement on Friday. This follows a Ministry of Corporate Affair's notification on October 3 that said aircraft, engines, airframes and helicopters were exempt from protection granted under a moratorium to a corporate debtor undergoing insolvency proceedings under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) 2016.

Positive rating

Following the Corporate Affairs Ministry notification, the global leasing watchdog, the Aviation Working Group, put India on a 'positive watch list' on Thursday. This followed two 'negative watch list' notices since May over concerns emerging from Go First's legal battles.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL EDUCATION: TELANGANA STATE

NOTIFICATION Dt. 06.10.2023

Applications are invited for the posts of **Assistant Professors, Associate Professors and Professors** in various Government medical colleges in the state of Telangana purely on contract basis. Notification along with guidelines and application form can be downloaded from **https://dme.telangana.gov.in/**

Application last date : 15.10.2023
Provisional Counselling date : 20.10.2023

R.O. No.: 737-DP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2023-24

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E-Tender Enq. No. 7472/P-3/EMP-12450 dated 03.10.23 Dy. Chief Engineer/ Headquarter (Procurement Cell-3) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2023_POWER_110340_1 for Procurement of coal mill bearing for XRP & HP-803 mills installed at Stage 2 & 3 at GGSSTP, Ropar.

For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 05.10.23/ 05:00 PM onwards.

Note:- Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

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CSIR - INDIAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY
(Council of Scientific & Industrial Research)
HYDERABAD - 500007.

WALK-IN-INTERVIEW NOTIFICATION NO. 13/2023
ONLINE INTERVIEW NOTIFICATION NO. 14/2023

CSIR-IICT, Hyderabad inviting online interview and last date for submitting the online application is 15th October, 2023 and also it is conducting Walk-in-Interviews on 12th& 13th October, 2023 for the positions of Project Staff having qualifications of Ph.D in Chemical (Science / Engg. / Env. / BioTech.) / MSc (Chemistry / Microbiology / Polymer Science / Organic Chemistry / Nanotechnology) / M.Tech in Chemical Engg. / M.Pharm (Pharmacology / Pharmaceutices) / B.Tech (Safety Engg. / Chem. Engg. / Civil Engg. / Mechanical Engg. / Electrical Engg. / Biotechnology / Env Engg) / Diploma / BSc (Horticulture / Agriculture) etc.

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TENDER NOTICE

Selection of Agency for undertaking Survey and Boundary demarcation of the project site for Sabarimala Greenfield International Airport at Erumely in Kottayam District, Kerala State

Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation Limited (KSIDC), the premier industrial and investment facilitation & promotion agency of Government of Kerala, **invites quotations from competent agencies/ firms for undertaking Survey and Boundary demarcation of the project site for Sabarimala Greenfield International Airport at Erumeli in Kottayam District, Kerala State.**

Bidders can submit their competitive offers through the e-TENDER portal of Government of Kerala **(https://etenders.kerala.gov.in) on or before 21st of October 2023.**

Thiruvananthapuram
07.10.2023

Sd/-
MANAGING DIRECTOR

SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM LIMITED
4th Floor, Felicity Square Building, Opp. AG Office, Statue, Thiruvananthapuram - 695001, +91 - 0471 - 4010374

CIN U75302KL2017SGC05027
E- TENDER NOTICE

E Tenders are invited for the following projects of Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Limited.

Sl. No.	Name of Project	E-Tender ID	Bid Submission Last Date
1.	Request for Proposal (RFP) For the Selection of agency for supply, installation And commissioning of incinerator for Disposal of sanitary napkins at schools with 5 years comprehensive warranty In Thiruvananthapuram city	2023_SCTLT_601669_1	16.10.2023 05:00 PM

Date and Time of opening Price Bid: To be Intimated Separately to Technically Qualified Bidders by Email

All the documents and details are available on the E procurement website.
Bids are only accepted online on the website **https://etenders.kerala.gov.in**

(Sd/-) CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM Ltd.

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Phone: 8331021001, Website: sanskritacademy.net

Advertisement No.: SA/AD./2023-24/177 Date: 07.10.2023

Notification of vacancy for recruitment of Director (Professor's Grade)

Sanskrit Academy (Adarsh Shodha Sansthan), Recognized as Adarsh Shodha Sansthan under "The Scheme for financial assistance to institutions recognized as Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalayas/Adarsh Sanskrit Shodh Sansthan" invites applications from Indian nationals for recruitment to the following post:

Name of the Post	Pay Sacale	No. of Post & Category
Director (Professor's Grade)	PB-IV, ₹37400-67000 with AGP of ₹10000 (as per 6th CPC)	01 (Unreserved)

- The applications should be submitted through offline only in the application format given on institution's website '**www.sanskritacademy.net**' and also available at Central Sanskrit University's website '**www.sanskrit.nic.in**' under Recruitment tab. A hard copy of the application duly signed by the candidate alongwith self-attested copies of relevant documents and prescribed application fee of ₹2,000/-(₹1,000/-for SC/SC/PwBD) in the form of demand draft drawn in the favour of **"Director, Sanskrit Academy, Hyderabad-500007 payable at Hyderabad, Telangana -500007" should be sent to "The Chairperson (Management Committee), Sanskrit Academy (Adarsh Shodha Sansthan), Osmania University, Hyderabad, Telangana -500007"** by Registered Post or Speed Post only.
- Last date of receipt of Hard copy of application alongwith all required documents in the institution is 06/11/2023 by 5:00 p.m.
- Further, for details regarding eligibility Criteria, Education Qualifications, application proforma, other terms and conditions etc. please visit above mention website of the Institution.

Chairperson Management Committee

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

ELECTRICAL (TRD) BRANCH, TIRUCHCHIRAPPALLI DIVISION
TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of the President of India, the Divisional Railway Manager, Traction Distribution, Southern Railway, Tiruchchirappalli - 620001 invites online tenders from prospective tenderers / bidders for the following work.

1	Tender Number	TPJ-TRD-2023-2024-19	TPJ-TRD-2023-2024-20
2	Name of work	TPJ Div: Modification of existing feeding post IOLs by Provision of Short neutral section assemblies at TPJ-TJ TSS	TPJ Div: Modification of existing feeding post IOLs by Provision of Short neutral section assemblies at VRI-CUPJ TSS
3	Approx. value of tender	₹ 1,99,69,134.91/-	₹ 2,07,98,974.93/-
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MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	65,996	0.55
US Dollar	83.27	-0.02
Gold	57,400	1.21
Brent oil	84.61	0.53

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2478.10	11.75
Adani Ports	830.75	5.55
Apollo Hosp	5060.25	13.20
Asian Paints	3195.75	-10.50
Axis Bank	1000.95	-2.30
Bajaj Auto	5014.60	3.55
Bajaj Finserv	1634.65	92.10
Bajaj Finance	8168.55	317.65
Bharti Airtel	926.05	-2.80
BPCL	347.20	2.75
Britannia Ind	4538.45	4.55
Cipla	1163.00	1.90
Coal India	287.80	-1.55
Divis Lab	3721.80	24.60
Dr Reddys Lab	5424.90	17.65
Eicher Motors	3450.40	6.80
Grasim Ind	1903.30	13.15
HCL Tech	1237.70	2.25
HDFC Bank	1534.05	-1.70
HDFC Life	630.90	6.55
Hero MotoCorp	3038.00	21.35
Hindalco	472.60	2.05
Hind Unilever	2499.40	-20.15
ICICI Bank	945.20	4.35
IndusInd Bank	1434.80	32.95
Infosys	1478.70	15.25
ITC	442.15	6.10
JSW Steel	765.20	9.70
Kotak Bank	1743.90	9.65
L&T	3093.70	-2.35
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5239.20	12.95
M&M	1548.85	10.90
Maruti Suzuki	10302.05	91.90
NestleIndia	22912.25	-6.45
NTPC	235.55	1.70
ONGC	181.45	-0.75
PowerGrid Corp	197.05	0.45
Reliance Ind	2318.00	3.90
SBI Life	1282.95	8.50
State Bank	594.25	2.10
Sun Pharma	1127.30	8.20
TataConsumerProduct	874.75	14.55
Tata Motors	622.45	2.85
Tata Steel	125.90	0.65
TCS	3621.40	32.05
Tech Mahindra	1216.90	11.30
Titan	3309.75	93.25
UltraTech Cement	8195.45	18.00
UPL	612.15	7.85
Wipro	407.85	1.05

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on October 06

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	83.05	83.37
Euro	87.68	88.02
British Pound	101.32	101.71
Japanese Yen (100)	55.71	55.93
Chinese Yuan	11.37	11.42
Swiss Franc	91.09	91.45
Singapore Dollar	60.75	61.00
Canadian Dollar	60.55	60.78
Malaysian Ringitt	17.61	17.69
Australian Dollar	52.81	53.02

Source:Indian Bank

ALL SMILES

Indian archers clinch silver in men's recurve team event

The triumvirate of Atanu Das, Tushar Shelke, and Dhiraj Bommadevara won an archery silver for India in the recurve men's team event after South Korea won the gold medal match 5-1 (55-60, 57-57, 55-56) on Friday. Earlier, India had defeated Bangladesh 5-3 (58-51, 57-54, 56-58, 57-57) in a lopsided semifinal.

LONG WAIT ENDS

Indian women recurve team wins bronze to end 13-year drought

Battling injuries, the recurve archery team of Ankita Bhakat, Simranjeet Kaur and Bhajan Kaur defied odds to clinch a bronze medal. The fifth-seeded trio down its Vietnamese rival 6-2 (56-52, 55-56, 57-50, 51-48) to secure its first-ever Asian Games medal in the Olympic-discipline category since Guangzhou 2010.

SECOND SPOT

Indian men lose to Hong Kong in the final, claim silver in bridge

The Indian men's team of Sandeep Thakral, Jaggy Shivadasni, Raju Tolani and Ajay Prabhkar Khare stumbled in the final hurdle against Hong Kong and finished with a silver medal in the bridge competition on Friday. India, a gold and two bronze-medal winner at the 2018 Games, lost 152-238.1 in the gold-medal match.

ENDING THE DROUGHT

Philippines clinches first Asiad basketball gold since 1962

The Philippines won its first Asian Games basketball gold since 1962. Justin Brownlee was the star player for the basketball-mad Philippines, pouring in 20 points and grabbing 10 rebounds to help down Jordan 70-60. "Everyone came together and that was a great team effort," said Angelo Kouame.

Indian men seal Paris 2024 berth with gold medal

The dominating performance in the final was the stamp of self-approval the team needed and gave itself after the loss in the Jakarta edition in 2018

ASIAN GAMES HOCKEY

Uthra Ganesan
HANGZHOU

Captain Harmanpreet Singh got his second, and India's fifth goal in the 59th minute and finally allowed himself a smile. The result was sealed, gold assured and an Olympic ticket confirmed as the Indian men's hockey team registered an emphatic 5-1 win over defending champion Japan to reclaim the Asian Games title here on Friday.

The title assured India will now have the rest of the period up to the 2024 Olympics to prepare without worrying about the qualification process or planning around the qualifiers. With the likes of Belgium, Germany and Britain yet to qualify, the qualifiers would be a slippery road the team has done well to avoid.

It was also a moment of finally laying the spectre of 2018 to rest. Despite the Tokyo Olympics bronze and a gradual rise in rankings since then, the loss in Jakarta has been an albatross around the team's neck.

The dominating performance in the final was the stamp of self-approval the team needed and gave itself.

It started on a fast note and stayed so till the end. India, ranked 12 places above Japan, was the favourite. The Indians kept going up and into the circle. Everyone in the forward line – Abhishek, Shamsher, Mandeep, Sukhjeet – tried but were unable to get a shot at the goal or break the Japanese defence.

Abhishek produced a brilliant chance from nothing in the 11th minute, stealing the ball at halfline and running away with it before crossing inside but Manpreet was unable to control it.

Two PCs went waste too but the former captain made amends, slotting in a rebound from the top of the circle in the 25th minute to break the deadlock and Japan's resilience.

That was the opening India needed and even though the scoreline only read 1-0 at half time – hardly a lead in modern hockey – the proceedings on field had India written all over it.

The World No. 3 side was fitter, stronger, more skilled and clearly better prepared for the big game.

Harmanpreet finally converted a PC in the 32nd minute soon after resumption, Amit got one of his own four minutes later and the first time Japan reached anywhere close to the Indian 23-yard circle was in the last 30 seconds of the third quarter.

Hardik was again the lynchpin but every time he moved up – or down – Vivek Sagar Prasad and Sumit seamlessly stepped into the role.

Nilakanta Sharma, as always, was the untiring beating heart of the team, everywhere all at once. The Indian goalkeepers kept themselves busy screaming instructions from the back but had little to do otherwise. And when Abhishek stuck a brilliant one in the 48th after being put through by Hardik from just outside the circle, it was all but over.

The result: India 5 (Manpreet 25, Harmanpreet 32, 59, Rohidas 36, Abhishek 48) bt Japan 1 (Tanaka 51).

Moment to cherish: The Indian players, led by Sreejesh, pose for a selfie showing their gold medals. ANI

THE INDIA SHOW

A look at some of the Indian performances on Friday:
Archery: Recurve team: **Men (gold medal match):** lost to South Korea, **won silver**; **Women (bronze medal match):** bt Vietnam.
Badminton: Men (semifinals): Singles: Prannoy lost to Shifeng (Chn) 0-2, **bagged bronze**; Doubles: Satwiksairaj & Chirag bt Chia & Soh (Mas) 2-0.
Bridge: Men's team (final): lost to Hong Kong, **won silver**.
Chess: Team (round 8): Men: bt South Korea; **Women:** bt Hong Kong.
Cricket: Men (semifinal): bt Bangladesh by nine wickets.
Hockey: Men (gold medal match): bt Japan 5-1.
Kabaddi: Semifinals: Men: bt Pakistan 61-14; **Women:** bt Nepal 61-17.
Sepak takraw: Women's Regu (semifinal): lost to Thailand 0-2, **won bronze** *(in pic)*.
Volleyball: Women: Classification 9th-12th: bt Mongolia 3-0.
Wrestling: Freestyle (bronze medal matches): Men: 57kg: Aman bt Minghu (Chn), 65kg: Bajrang lost to Yamaguchi (Jpn); Women: 62kg: Sonam bt Jia (Chn), 76kg: Kiran bt Ganbat (Mgl).

Medals Table

Country	G	S	B	T
China	187	104	63	354
Japan	47	57	65	169
S. Korea	36	49	84	169
India	**22**	**34**	**39**	**95**
Uzbekistan	20	18	26	64
Chinese Taipei	17	16	25	58
N. Korea	11	18	10	39
Thailand	10	14	30	54
Bahrain	10	3	5	18
Kazakhstan	9	18	41	68

Sai Kishore and Washington spin India into the final

Immediate impact: Sai Kishore delivered as soon as skipper Ruturaj turned to him. PTI

Aashin Prasad
HANGZHOU

Sai Kishore starred in India men's thumping nine-wicket semifinal win over Bangladesh in the Asian Games cricket tournament here at the Pingfeng Cricket Campus on Friday.

After the women's team won a maiden gold last week, Ruturaj Gaikwad and his men now have the chance to complete the set on Saturday in the final against Afghanistan which beat Pakistan.

Under overcast conditions, Ruturaj won the toss and put Bangladesh into bat. But despite the cloud cover, it was spin which was going to have a major say in the game. India also gave a debut cap to tweaker Shahbaz Ahmed in place of pacer Avesh Khan.

After three overs of pace in the PowerPlay, Ruturaj turned to Washington Sundar and Sai Kishore, with the latter providing the breakthrough. The left-arm spinner (4-0-12-3), in his opening over, removed Mahmudul Hasan Joy.

Washington picked up two wickets in the next over. Bangladesh was rocked early at 21/3 after six overs.

In his second spell, Sai accounted for the wickets of Shahadat Hossain and Afif Hossain in back-to-back overs.

Wicketkeeper-batter Jaker Ali played himself in and finished the innings off for Bangladesh at 96/9 after 20 overs.

At the restart, Ripon Mondol's pace caused Jaiswal some trouble and the southpaw flicked a full delivery straight to the shot third fielder to fall for a four-ball duck. But any hopes of a Bangladesh fightback was dashed immediately by Ruturaj (40 off 26) and Tilak (55 off 26).

Tilak reached his fifty off 25 balls with his sixth maximum to his favoured side of the ground before Ruturaj saw India over the line with 64 balls to spare.

The scores (semifinals):
Bangladesh 96/9 in 20 overs (Sai Kishore 3/12, Washington Sundar 2/15) lost to India 97/1 in 9.2 overs (Ruturaj Gaikwad 40 n.o., Tilak Varma 55 n.o.).
Pakistan 115 in 18 overs (Fareed Ahmad 3/15) lost to Afghanistan 116/6 in 17.5 overs (Noor Ali Zadran 39).

Satwik and Chirag one step away; bronze for Prannoy

BADMINTON

Aashin Prasad
HANGZHOU

'Ice and fire' was how Satwiksairaj Rankireddy described his doubles partnership with friend Chirag Shetty as he embraced him. Satwik is the Iceman to Chirag's Maverick.

After they beat Malaysia's Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik – often their kryptonite – 21-17, 21-12 in the Asian Games men's doubles semifinal, Chirag took flight to jump into the arms of Satwiksairaj and soaked in the applause here on Friday.

Satwik and Chirag are now the first Indian doubles team to become the World No. 1. Before their official coronation next week, they will have the opportunity to add the Asian Games gold to their burgeoning trophy collection on Saturday in the final.

The Indians had a miserable 0-8 record against the Malaysians until June this year, but have now managed to beat them in their last two meetings since.

"The last two times we have been a lot smarter. We have not held ourselves back. In the previous eight times, we used to think that they have really fast hands, have powerful attack and used to be a little more hesitant. We have played more freely the last two times. We were not thinking about the score, and focussed on playing as well as possible," said Chirag.

Satwik would have been haunted by those fast hands when Soh smashed the first point of the match right onto his face. The Malaysian held his hand up in apology. Then Chirag got India off to its first point with a smash of his own. It was then back-and-forth riveting attack vs defense as they traded blows in the first 20 points of the opening game with scores level 10-10.

Medallist: Prannoy went down to home favourite Li Shifeng in the semifinals. PTI

Satwik then helped into an 11-10 lead with an angled smash and from thereon, the Malaysians struggled to get back into the game. The Indians closed it out 21-17. In the second game, India was up 4-0 as they kept up with their aggression. Aaron and Soh had a game to forget with the latter failing to return against the smashes. India quickly took an 11-3 lead.

In no time, India was up 20-10 but Soh's brilliance allowed the Malaysians to save two match-points before Chirag shut them down with a smash for the win.

Earlier in the day, India's top-ranked singles player H.S. Prannoy suffered a straight 16-21, 9-21 loss to home favourite Li Shifeng in the men's singles semifinals and finished with a bronze medal to add to his silver in the men's team event. "Unfortunately for Prannoy bhaiyya, the fighter, the motivator, the king, it wasn't to be," said Satwik.

INDIANS IN ACTION

A look at some Indian players/teams who will compete on Saturday (all times IST):
Archery: Compound individual: Women: Bronze medal match: Aditi vs. Fadhly (Ina), 6.10 a.m., Gold medal match: Jyothi vs. So (Kor), 6.30 a.m.; Men: Gold medal match: Deotale vs. Abhishek, 7.10 a.m.
Badminton: Men: Doubles (gold medal match): Satwiksairaj & Chirag vs. Choi & Kim (Kor), 11.30 a.m.
Chess: Team (ninth and final round): Men and women, 12.30 p.m.
Cricket: Men (final): vs. Afghanistan (11.30 a.m).
Hockey: Women (bronze medal match): vs. Japan (1.30 p.m.).
Kabaddi: Gold medal matches: Women: vs. Chinese Taipei (7 a.m.); Men: vs. Iran (12.30 p.m.).
Wrestling: Men's Freestyle: 74kg (Yash), 86kg (Deepak), 97kg (Vicky), 125kg (Sumit), 7.30 a.m. onwards.

Aman, Sonam and Kiran win bronze; Bajrang disappoints

Uthra Ganesan
HANGZHOU

Aman Sehrawat booked his Asian Games ticket the hard way but there was always a question whether he would be as good as Ravi Dahiya, Olympic silver medallist and the man who rules in his weight category. On Friday, the 20-year-old proved he was with a bronze in the 57kg here that stood out among the three India won in wrestling on the day for Aman's resilience and determination.

Aman, though, showed he was here to fight. A 6-1 win against South Korea's Sunggwon Kim in the pre-quarterfinals set him up against Ebrahim Khari of Iran in the last eight and it looked to be all over for the youngster when he trailed 1-8 in the first round before closing the gap to 3-8.

In the second, a double leg counter from Aman and the famed '*fitle*' (lace move) helped the Indian race to a 9-8 lead before he effected two take-downs to go up 13-8. Even a medical time out was of no help to Khari as Aman increased the pace for an incredible 19-8 comeback win to enter the semi-finals. He tried it again against Toshihiro Hasegawa and almost succeeded – the Japanese led 6-1 before Aman made it 8-5 – but four points to Hasegawa helped him close the bout 12-10. In the bronze medal bout, Aman thrashed Minghu Liu of China 11-0.

At the other end of the spectrum was reigning champion Bajrang Punia in the 65kg going down down 10-0 to Japan's Kaiki Yamagushi in the bronze-medal match with 89 seconds still left on the clock.

Among the women, Sonam won both her first two bouts 10-0 for victory by superiority before being pinned by eventual champion North Korea's Hyongyong Mun. She returned in the evening session for her bronze medal match, winning 7-5 against local favourite Jia Long in the 62kg.

In 76kg, Kiran too finished with a bronze, winning two of her three bouts to assure herself of a medal - she edged past Japan's Nodoka Yamamoto 3-0 in the quarterfinals, was pinned by her Kazakh opponent in the semis but overcame Mongolia's Ariunjargal Ganbat 6-3 for bronze.

Facile win: Aman, right, took out Liu with ease for a podium finish. PTI

India cruises past Pakistan in semifinal

The summit clash against Iran will be the toughest for the Indians, will give it a chance to go back to the top after the shocking bronze in 2018

Trapped: The Indian team pins down Pakistan raider Tahseen Ullah. PTI

ASIAN GAMES

Uthra Ganesan
HANGZHOU

The totally perfunctory acknowledgement of its victory highlighted the ease with which the Indian men's kabaddi team advanced to the final, even a 61-14 scoreline in the semifinal against Pakistan on Friday not being an accurate representation of India's dominance. The final, against defending champion Iran, will be the toughest outing for the Indians here and a chance to go back on top after the shocking bronze in 2018.

It started with four points to Pakistan in its first two raids and then one with 12 minutes remaining in the first half – but those were to be its only points in the period.

India's charge began with its third raid, led by Naveen Kumar. He got two points with an out and a bonus, repeated the pattern immediately after to level scores at 4-4 and then Mudassar Ali was successfully tackled.

With only two players left standing, Naveen effected an all-out on Pakistan – the first of six by India through the match, three in each half – for four points as India went up 11-4 inside of seven minutes.

The cycle kept repeating – captain Pawan Sehrawat, Naveen and Aslam Inamdar taking turns to walk over, take out a couple of opponents along with the occasional bonus points and casually stroll back into their half even as Pakistan struggled in both attack and defence. At half-time, India led 30-5.

"The scoreline might look one-sided but to be honest, we pulled back after the first 20 minutes or we could have scored even more. We dominated the game and controlled the momentum but we were not at maximum intensity," coach Bhaskaran Edachery said after the match.

Despite that, India added another 31 points in the second half while Pakistan got nine including three bonus points.

"This was an important match but the real challenge will be tomorrow in the final, that is what our target is."

Iran, meanwhile, sent out its own warning with a comprehensive 47-24 win against Chinese Taipei in the other semifinal.

The Iranian women, also defending champion, crashed 25-34 to Chinese Taipei in the semifinal to end with a bronze even as India thrashed Nepal 61-17 in the other semifinal.

Persistent Pakistan overcomes a spirited challenge from the Netherlands

ODI WORLD CUP

V.V. Subrahmanyam
HYDERABAD

Pakistan's bowling attack put up an spirited performance, with pacer Haris Rauf being the pick of them with three for 43, to ensure the team's campaign began in style with an 81-run win over The Netherlands in the ICC Cricket World Cup match at the Rajiv Gandhi Stadium here on Friday.

Pakistan captain Babar Azam should have been clearly delighted with the way the bowlers – both pace and spin – stuck to the basics and struck at regular intervals.

The Dutch openers Vikramjit Singh and Bas de Leede, who scored half-centuries and put on 70 runs for the third wicket, batted well but the rest of the line-up couldn't contribute much to the chase.

Vikramjit, on reaching half-century, couldn't resist the temptation of going for another big shot against leg-spinner Shadab Khan only to be caught in the deep in the 24th over to leave the Dutch at 120 for three.

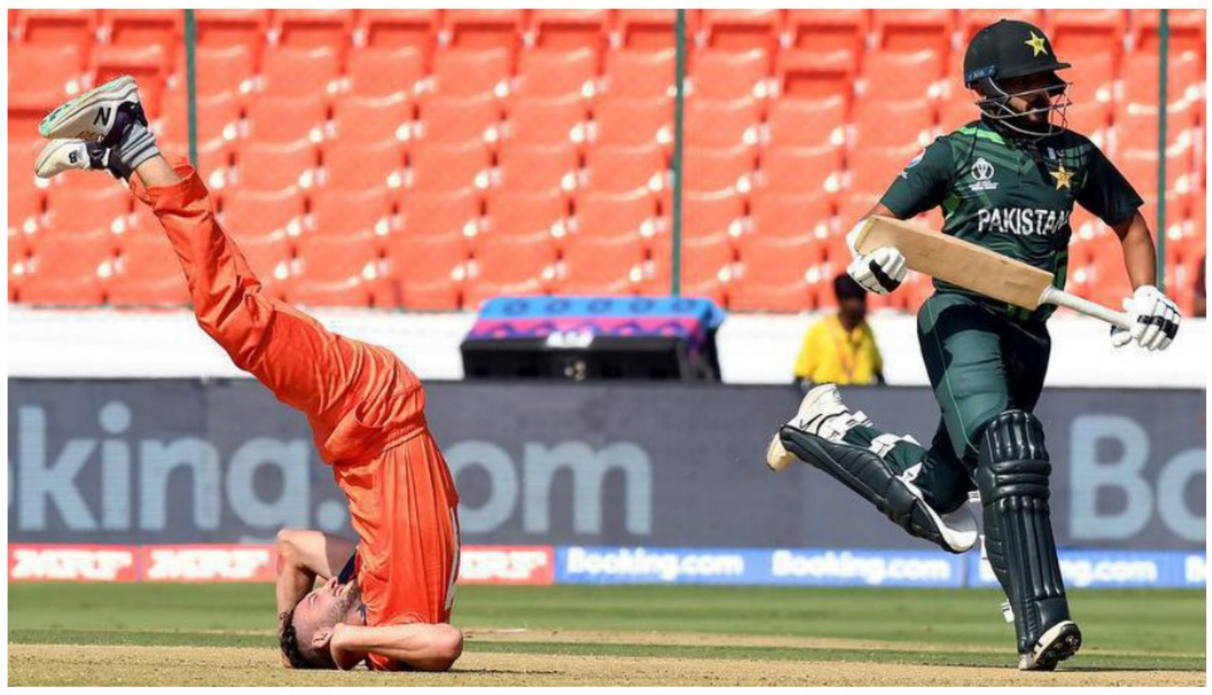
De Leede had to watch on helplessly from the other end as the rest of the batters made a token appearance. And when he was bowled trying to steer left-arm spinner Mohammad Nawaz to third-man in the 34th over to make it 164 for seven, it was only delaying the inevitable for Scott Edwards' side.

Earlier, a disciplined bowling effort by Netherlands ensured Pakistan, put in to bat in front of a crowd of more than 5,000, was restricted to 286.

The top-order suffered early blows and was 38 for three in 9.1 overs. Fakhar Zaman failed again, surprised by the change of pace by Logan van Beek to give a simple return catch in the fourth over.

Off-spinner Colin Ackermann induced a poor shot from captain Babar with his third ball. Pacer Paul van Meekeren forced Imam-ul-Haq to hook straight to deep fine-leg to leave Pakistan in dire straits. A 120-run stand off 114 balls for the fourth wicket between the experienced Mohammad Rizwan and southpaw Saud Shakeel, and another rescue act by Mohammad Nawaz and Shadab Khan, who put on 64 off 70 balls for the seventh wicket, helped Pakistan eventually post a challenging score.

For Netherlands, pacer Bas de Leede struck two double-blows – first in the 32nd over when he cleaned up Rizwan with a beauty and saw Iftikhar Ahmed edge an away-going delivery to wicketkeeper Edwards. In the 44th over he bowled Shadab all ends up and trapped Hasan Ali.



Breaking the opponent's back: Shakeel's counter-attacking 68 helped Pakistan mount a challenging total of 286. NAGARA GOPAL

Next assignment

Netherlands: Oct. 9 vs. **New Zealand** *Hyderabad, 2 p.m.*

Pakistan: Oct. 10 vs. **Sri Lanka** *Hyderabad, 2 p.m.*

SCOREBOARD

PAKISTAN

Fakhar Zaman c & b van Beek 12 *(15b, 3x4)*, Imam-ul-Haq c Dutt b van Meekeren 15 *(19b, 2x4)*, Babar Azam c Zulfiqar b Ackermann 5 *(18b)*, Mohammad Rizwan b de Leede 68 *(75b, 8x4)*, Saud Shakeel c Zulfiqar b Dutt 68 *(52b, 9x4, 1x6)*, Iftikhar Ahmed c Edwards b de Leede 9 *(11b, 1x4)*, Mohammad Nawaz run out 39 *(43b, 4x4)*, Shadab Khan b de Leede 32 *(34b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Hasan Ali lbw b de Leede 0 *(1b)*, Shaheen Shah Afridi (not out) 13 *(12b, 2x4)*, Haris Rauf st. Edwards b Ackermann 16 *(14b, 2x4, 1x6)*; Extras (w-8, nb-1): 9; Total (in 49 overs): 286.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-15 (Fakhar, 3.4 overs), 2-34 (Babar, 8.3), 3-38 (Imam, 9.1), 4-158 (Shakeel, 28.1), 5-182 (Rizwan, 31.3), 6-188 (Iftikhar, 31.6), 7-252 (Shadab, 43.4), 8-252 (Hasan, 43.5), 9-267 (Nawaz, 46.2).

NETHERLANDS BOWLING

Dutt 10-0-48-1, van Beek 6-0-30-1, Ackermann 8-1-39-2, van Meekeren 6-0-40-1, de Leede 9-0-62-4, van der Merwe 6-0-36-0, Vikramjit 2-0-16-0, Zulfiqar 2-0-15-0.

NETHERLANDS

Vikramjit Singh c Fakhar b Shadab 52 *(67b, 4x4, 1x6)*, Max O'Dowd c Afridi b Hasan 5 *(12b, 1x4)*, Colin Ackermann b Iftikhar 17 *(21b, 3x4)*, Bas de Leede b Nawaz 67 *(68b, 6x4, 2x6)*, Teja Nidamanuru c Fakhar b Rauf 5 *(9b, 1x4)*, Scott Edwards lbw b Rauf 0 *(2b)*, Saqib Zulfiqar b Afridi 10 *(18b, 1x4)*, Roelof van der Merwe run out 4 *(7b)*, Logan van Beek (not out) 28 *(28b, 3x4, 1x6)*, Aryan Dutt b Hasan 1 *(2b)*, Paul van Meekeren b Rauf 7 *(12b, 1x4)*; Extras (w-9): 9; Total (in 41 overs): 205.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-28 (O'Dowd, 5.5), 2-50 (Ackermann, 11.1), 3-120 (Vikramjit, 23.5), 4-133 (Nidamanuru, 26.2), 5-133 (Edwards, 26.4), 6-158 (Zulfiqar, 32.1), 7-164 (de Leede, 33.2), 8-176 (van der Merwe, 35.6), 9-184 (Dutt, 37.1).

PAKISTAN BOWLING

Afridi 7-0-37-1, Hasan 7-1-33-2, Rauf 9-0-43-3, Iftikhar 3-0-16-1, Nawaz 7-0-31-1, Shadab 8-0-45-1.

Toss: Netherlands; **PoM:** Shakeel.

Pakistan won by 81 runs.

South Africa set to test its preparedness against Sri Lanka

Rakesh Rao
NEW DELHI

In the days leading to the World Cup, when the cricket lovers were refusing to look beyond India, England, Australia and New Zealand as the potential semifinalists, South Africa sneaked into the equation with an ODI series win over the mighty Australians.

On Saturday, its preparedness faces a stern test at the Arun Jaitley Stadium when Sri Lanka takes the field.

In keeping with the demands of a 50-overs a side contest, South Africa appears well equipped. Armed with the experience of playing the Indian Premier League, most of its players are at home in these conditions.

Under skipper Temba Bavuma, the side has some serious run-makers in wicketkeeper-batters Quinton de Kock and Heinrich Klaasen, Aiden Markram, Reeza Hendricks, Rassie van der Dussen and David Miller.

Notwithstanding the absence of injured paceman Anrich Nortje, the team has plenty of bowling options. Pacers Kagiso Rabada, Lungi Ngidi, Gerald Coetzee, not to forget bowling all-rounders Marco Jansen and Andile Phehlukwayo, and the experienced spinners Keshav Maharaj and Tabraiz Shamsi give South Africa the look of a formidable contender for a place in the semifinals.

Sri Lanka, even without the services of leg-spinner Wanindu Hasaranga and pacer Dushmantha Chameera, cannot be taken lightly.

After qualifying for the World Cup, Lanka performed well to reach the Asia Cup final.

Thereafter, the embarrassment of being shot out for 50 by India took away the sheen from its impressive campaign.

Despite the aberration, Lanka can draw confidence from the fact that its spinners could still prove a handful in Indian conditions.

Though short of collective experience, the pair of left-arm spinner Dunith Wellalage and leg-spinner Dushan Hemantha could prove very effective during the second PowerPlay. Off-spinner Maheesh Theekshana has been ruled out for the first game.

Overall, South Africa holds a clear edge but Sri Lanka could have its moments.

The leader: Bavuma will hope that his teammates' experience of playing in Indian conditions pays off. R.V. MOORTHY

Today's matches

Bangladesh vs. Afghanistan — Dharamshala, 10.30 a.m.

South Africa vs. Sri Lanka — Delhi, 2 p.m.

H2H IN ODIs

Played 15		Played 80			
Bangladesh	Afghanistan	South Africa	Sri Lanka	Tied	NR
9	6	45	33	1	1

EYE ON THE SKY

High: 29°C		High: 36°C
Low: 15°C	SOURCE: IMD	Low: 19°C
Mainly clear		*Clear*

'Our first aim is to get into semifinals'

Ayan Acharya
DHARAMSHALA

Bangladesh coach Chandika Hathurusingha said on Friday that a semifinal berth in the 2023 ODI World Cup was a "realistic" goal for his side.

Hathurusingha was earlier criticised by former captain Tamim Iqbal for a lack of ambition when he said in a recent interview that those who talked about Bangladesh winning the World Cup should "wake up".

"We all want to win the World Cup, but realistically, if we win four to five games, we give ourselves a chance to get into the semifinals – that's our first aim," Hathurusingha said, ahead of his team's opener against Afghanistan.

Bangladesh is yet to reach the last four in its six World Cup appearances.

Meanwhile, Afghanistan captain Hashmatullah Shahidi feels that the IPL experience of some of his players will hold the team in good stead. "Some of our players play a lot in the IPL. We have also played in these conditions because India was also our home base. So, we will take that advantage with us throughout the tournament.

"I am confident that our mindset is now different from the past. We will play positive cricket and not worry about what happened before."

Hathurusingha. PTI

Confident Afghanistan meets inconsistent Bangladesh

Ayan Acharya
DHARAMSHALA

Before the 2023 ODI World Cup opener at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, the 10 captains sat in the GCA Club House for a pre-World Cup press conference.

Former India coach Ravi Shastri, one of the two moderators, asked Afghanistan captain Hashmatullah Shahidi how bowling was his team's strength. It sounded like a rhetorical question, but Shahidi's response indicated a different nucleus. "In this World Cup, our batting will also make a strong statement," Shahidi said.

Ready for kick-off: Afghanistan, seen at a practice session, now also has good batting strength to add to its strong spin attack. PTI

Sitting to his right was Pakistan skipper Babar Azam, who turned and nodded his head in agreement.

After all, openers Rahmanullah Gurbaz and Ibrahim Zadran had recently added 227 against Babar's team and 256 against Bangladesh, Afghanistan's first opponent of the tournament.

The two teams will kickstart their campaigns away from the urban cauldrons, at the HPCA Stadium here, overlooked by the picturesque Dhauladhar range, where the bowlers can accurately be described to be running in from the Himalayas!

Afghanistan's composition remains spin-centric with Rashid Khan, Mohammad Nabi, and Mujeeb Ur Rahman expected to play, it's the upswing in batting that's encouraging. The last-minute inclusion of Naveen-ul-Haq will perk up the seam bowling department at a venue where the low stands allow for the winds to blow across, providing assistance to the fast bowlers.

On the other hand, Bangladesh has had a topsy-turvy build-up. It was eliminated from the Super Four stage at the Asia Cup and lost the three-match series against New Zealand at home 0-2 immediately after. The omission of Tamim Iqbal (back injury) has been a major talking point.

Captain Shakib Al Hasan will be crucial with both bat and ball, leading the attack alongside Taskin Ahmed and Mustafizur Rahman. The 2020 Under-19 World Cup-winning quartet of Towhid Hridoy, Tanzid Hasan, Tanzim Hasan and Shoriful Islam hopes to bring that extra heat, extra noise, and extra will.

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TRIVIA CHALLENGE
1. By what margin did Australia win their opening game of the 1987 ODI World Cup match against India at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai (then Madras)?
2. Which former Ranji Trophy Player from Tamil Nadu and former member of the Indian U19 World Cup team picked up 4 for 57 for Canada against Zimbabwe in the 2011 ODI World Cup?
3. In the 1992 World Cup Final, which English bowler took three wickets for only 22 runs from his ten overs?
Visit bit.ly/WCTCTANDC to read the Terms & Conditions.
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Answer to yesterday's quiz:
1. Krishnamachari Srikkanth
2. Zimbabwe
3. Sandip Patil

INBRIEF

Daiki Hashimoto defends his world all-around title

Japan's Olympic champion Daiki Hashimoto (86.132 points) defended his men's all-around title at the World gymnastics championships in Antwerp, ahead of Ukraine's Illia Kovtun (84.998) and USA's Frederick Richard (84.332).

Niki Poonacha-Divij Sharan in Challenger doubles final

Niki Poonacha and Divij Sharan beat Mattia Bellucci and Moez Echargui 6-1, 5-7, [10-8] to reach the doubles final of the €118,000 Challenger tennis tournament in Alicante, Spain, on Friday.

Other results: $60,000 ITF women, Rome, USA:
Pre-quarterfinals: Mccartney Kessler (USA) bt Sahaja Yamalapalli 6-4, 6-2.
$25,000 ITF women, Baza, Spain: Doubles:
Quarterfinals: Riya Bhatia & Olga Azcoitia (Esp) bt Francesca Curmi & Elaine Genovese (Mlt) 6-7(6), 7-6(6), [10-8].
$15,000 ITF women, Monastir: Quarterfinals: Marente Sijbesma (Ned) bt Tanisha Kashyap 2-6, 6-1, 6-3.

LIVE TELECAST

Asian Games: Sony Sports Ten 1, 2, 3, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 6.30 a.m. onwards
Men's Cricket World Cup: Star Sports 1, 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 10.30 a.m. & 2 p.m.
Premier League: SS Select 1, 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 5, 7.30 & 10 p.m.
LaLiga: Jio Cinema App, 5.30, 7.45; Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 10 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Sunday)
Serie A: Jio Cinema App, 6.30, 9.30 p.m. & Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 12.15 a.m. (Sunday)
ISL: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 5.30 & 8 p.m.
Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7 & 10 p.m.
Formula One: Qatar GP, Sprint Shootout, F1 TV & F1 TV Pro App, 7.30 p.m.; Sprint Race, 11 p.m.

'Teams need to adapt to different venues'

India coach Dravid emphasises that it is hard to predict a safe score considering the varied nature of the soil and size of the ground

ODI WORLD CUP

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
CHENNAI

Looking ahead: Rohit and Dravid will be keen that India gets off to a winning start on Sunday. PTI

The Indian cricketers, split into two groups, limbered up with some warm-up sport, kicking a football across a line of chairs. A kite swooped low before taking off into the skies. Outside, Wallajah Road swelled with traffic heading towards the Marina Beach and adjoining localities. It was a Friday night of anticipation at the M.A. Chidambaram Stadium as the hallowed venue was being readied for Sunday's World Cup clash between India and Australia.

If there were any nerves within the ranks, coach Rahul Dravid did well to mask it as he was his usual self at a media interaction: calm and equally prone to some self-deprecatory humour. Asked about a safe total on Indian surfaces, he deadpanned: "One run more than the opposition's."

He then explained: "It's hard to tell. Some of the squares in India, you have red soil, black soil, you have a mix of red and black. Each one is going to be unique. I don't think you can go and say that this is going to be a safe total. You have to adapt. Ground sizes will be different. We will play on a relatively bigger ground in Chennai compared to say when we go to Bangalore or Delhi."

There was an interlude about New Zealander Rachin Ravindra's first name that blends Rahul and Sachin and Dravid grinned and said: "Watching him bat yesterday, he hit five sixes. May be the Sachin in (the name) helped him certainly."

Dravid stated that he had moved on from his playing days and as a coach it is all about helping players be in a good space. "Adaptability is going to be a huge challenge in this World Cup. It is important to build a squad that allows us to play two to three different conditions and based on those (factors) we will mix some of those squads."

The coach was expansive when it came to supporting ODIs. "It is still an important format. I sincerely hope that we still keep valuing and playing this format, because, just to give you an example, (Mohammed) Siraj's spell in the Asia Cup final, I mean that was really top-class bowling of six overs. In a T20 game you never see that. It (ODIs) still allows you to see good innings like the ones from those left-handers (Devon Conway and Ravindra), it allows you to see a lot of good spin, rotation of strike and a lot of creativity."

Dravid also backed Suryakumar Yadav to come good in ODIs. "We have been chatting to him a little bit about finding different ways to score runs. We know that his preferred route of scoring runs in the T20 format has been square of the wicket but in one-day cricket you have got to find other ways, other areas to access, and credit to him, he is working really hard."

Decades ago, Dravid was a regular in Chennai's league cricket and all that distilled experience might come in handy as his wards launch their World Cup campaign over the weekend.

Shubman Gill. ANI

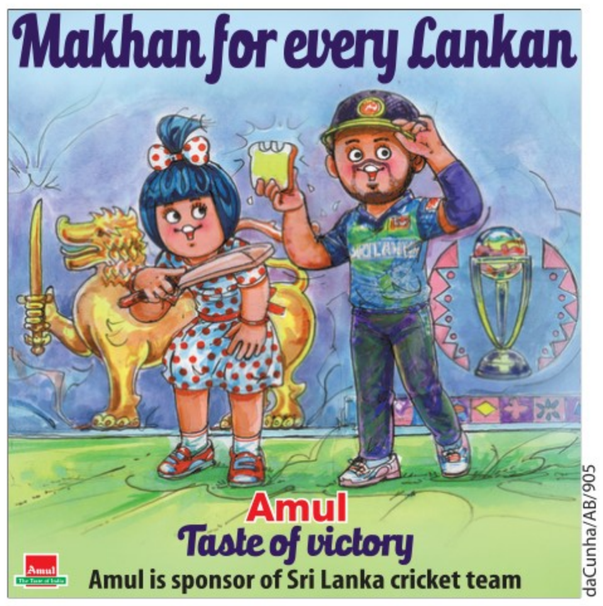
Gill down with dengue, in doubt for Australia match

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
CHENNAI

India suffered the opening blues as news filtered in about Shubman Gill being down with dengue. The opener, a vital cog up the order, looks a doubtful starter for India's World Cup clash against Australia at the M.A. Chidambaram Stadium here on Sunday.

However, coach Rahul Dravid struck an optimistic note while addressing the media on Friday. "Gill is feeling better. The medical team is monitoring him," Dravid said. When specifically asked whether Gill remains in contention, the coach added: "We still have 36 hours to go and the medical team hasn't ruled him out yet."

Gill was conspicuous by his absence through India's two training sessions – both optional and regular – over the last few days at this venue. And if his medical reports don't turn sunny by Sunday, the team-management has the option of pushing K.L. Rahul atop the batting tree and linking him up with skipper Rohit Sharma.



SNAPSHOTS

Karan to take on Siddharth for honours

NEW DELHI: Karan Singh overcame a bout of cramps and the determination of defending champion Manish Sureshkumar for a 5-7, 6-4, 7-5 win in the semifinals of the Fenesta National tennis championship on Friday.

The results:
Men (semifinals): Siddharth Vishwakarma bt Ishaque Eqbal 6-4, 6-2; Karan Singh bt Manish Sureshkumar 5-7, 6-4, 7-5. **Doubles (final):** Manish & Sai Karteek Reddy bt Nitin Kumar Sinha & Ishaque 6-4, 6-3. **Women (semifinals):** Vaidehi Chaudhari bt Sandeepti Singh Rao 5-2 (retired); Shrivalli Bhamidipaty bt Vaishnavi Adkar 6-2, 6-0. **Doubles (final):** Vaidehi & Shrivalli bt Sharmada Balu & Vaishnavi Adkar 6-2, 6-2. **Under-18 boys (semifinals):** Rushil Khosla bt Arjun Rathi 6-2, 6-1; Samarth Sahita bt Cahir Warik 6-2, 6-4. **Doubles (final):** Cahir & Rushil bt Sathwik Kollepalli & Keshav Goel 6-1, 6-3. **Under-18 girls (semifinals):** Aishwarya Jadhav bt Harithashree Venkatesh 6-0, 6-3; Suhitha Maruri bt Diya Ramesh 6-3, 6-1. **Doubles (final):** Asmi Adkar & Riya Sachdeva bt Maaya Rajeshwaran & Aakruti Sonkusare 1-6, 7-5, [10-8].

Tara and Aush in last eight of World Jr. badminton

SPOKANE (USA): Indian shuttlers Tara Shah and Ayush Shetty secured their place in the quarterfinals with straight-game wins at the BWF World junior championships on Thursday. However, the doubles teams exited from the tournament.

The results (pre-quarterfinals):
Boys: Ayush Shetty bt Jamal Rahmat Pandi (Phi) 21-16, 21-12. **Doubles:** Muhammad Al Farizi & Nikolaus Joaquin (Ina) bt Divyam Arora & Mayank Rana 21-12, 21-10; Bryan Jeremy Goonting & Aaron Tai (Mas) bt Tushar Suveer & Nicholas Raj 21-14, 21-17.
Girls: Tara Shah bt Lucie Krulova (Cze) 21-8, 21-7.
Mixed doubles: Adrian Pratama & Felisha Alberta Nathaniel Pasaributo (Ina) bt Sathwik Reddy Kanapuram & Vaishnavi Khadkekar 21-10, 22-20; Kenta Matsukawa & Nao Yamakita (Jpn) bt Samarveer & Radhika Sharma 21-18, 21-17.

AIFF's I-League broadcast tender notice challenged in Delhi High Court

Sports Bureau
KOLKATA

Satyanarayan M, deputy general secretary AIFF and Shaji Prabhakaran secretary general AIFF.

A tender notice floated by the All India Football Federation for the live telecast of I-League football has been challenged in the Delhi High Court by the broadcaster who enjoyed the telecast rights in the previous season.

Kaleidoscope Production and Services LLP (KPS Studios) has maintained that it enjoys the I-League telecast rights at all the venues for three seasons and has pressed charges against the national federation for dishonouring the agreement.

KPS Studios maintains that the AIFF should be restrained from inviting any new broadcaster by issuing a tender notice (Notice Inviting Tender). It held that the agreement of three seasons is still valid and is "impermissible for AIFF to engage a new service provider."

This case was filed against the tender notice issued by the AIFF inviting fresh bids for I-League broadcasting rights on September 9, 2023.

The national federation later withdrew the notice on October 4 and issued a fresh tender on the same date including new provisions for the broadcasting rights of I-League 2023-24 matches.

"We are acting under the advice of our legal cell and taking decisions as per the agreement which we understand was for only one season," said the AIFF secretary general Shaji Prabhakaran without going into further details as the case is *sub judice*.

KPS Studios, which was taken on board as the I-League broadcaster by the newly elected AIFF executive committee under the presidency of Kalyan Chaubey last year, has challenged the new tender notice issued on October 4 and the Delhi HC has allowed KPS to file a fresh appeal.

Touch Of Grey lives up to his billing

MYSURU: S. Narredu-trained Touch Of Grey (Suraj Narredu up) won the Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Golf Club Mysore 2000 Guineas, the chief event of the races held here on Friday (Oct 6). The winner is owned by M/s. Balam Mohla, Anil Saraf & Apana Subaiya P.

Suraj confidently kept his gutsy colt in handy fourth position till the bend before manoeuvring his mount from inside in the home stretch. Touch Of Grey responded well to the reminders, overtook the leader West Brook passing the 400m, and went on to win in a facile manner.

THE RESULTS:

1. SECUNDERABAD PLATE: VALKYRIE (Faiz) 1, Maybury (Madhu Sudhan) 2, Blooming Lily (A.K. Aniket) 3 and Victoriano (Inayat) 4. Not run: Milos. 2-1/2, 1-3/4 and Nk. 1m, 04.68s. ₹207 (w), 26, 15 and 17 (p), SHP: 52, THP: 49, FP: 2,878, Q: 898, Trinella: 10,055. Exacta: 27,043 (carried over). Favourite: Victoriano. Owners: M/s. P.M. Nanaiah & C.D. Monnappa. Trainer: C.D. Monnappa.

2. JUSTICE P.MEDAPA MEMORIAL TROPHY (DIV. II): ARMORY (Kiran Rai) 1, Thewhisperquietly (A. Ramu) 2, Avicena (Antony) 3 and Great Hope (L.A. Rozario) 4. Lnk, Shd and 3/4. 1m, 36.55s. ₹24 (w), 13, 23 and 11 (p), SHP: 62, THP: 82, FP: 431, Q: 352, Trinella: 525, Exacta: 1,602. Favourite: Armory. Owner: Mr. Reethan B.K. Trainer: Narayana Gowda.

Rewarding a champion: The Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Golf Club president Abraham Thomas, left, presenting the Mysore 2000 Guineas trophy to Balam Mohla and Apana Subaiya, owners of Touch of Grey, in the presence of trainer S. Narredu, jockey Suraj Naredu, and chairman of Mysore Race Club Y.B. Ganesh. M.A. SRIRAM

3. MAJ. SARDAR L. MAHADEVAIAH MEMORIAL TROPHY: PRIME ABBESS (G. Vivek) 1, Black Coffee (S. Mubarak) 2, Mystic Eye (Shreyas S) 3 and Golden Time (Koshi K) 4. 4-3/4, Nk and 4. 1m, 09.84s. ₹16 (w), 11, 50 and 24 (p), SHP: 129, THP: 58, FP: 334, Q: 686, Trinella: 3,559, Exacta: 29,719 (carried over). Favourite: Prime Abbess. Owner: Mr. C. Aryama Sundaram. Trainer: Imtiaz Khan.

4. JUSTICE P. MEDAPA MEMORIAL TROPHY (DIV. I): FEARLESS JOEY (Suraj) 1, Serai (S. John) 2, Mystical Merkabah (Kiran Rai) 3 and Coyote Girl (Neeraj) 4. Not run: Antinori and Colossal. 2-1/4, 1 and 1-1/4. 1m 37.00s. ₹19 (w), 15, 11 and 14 (p), SHP: 38, THP: 38, FP: 61, Q: 34, Trinella: 320, Exacta: 1,395. Favourite: Fearless Joey. Owners: Kunal Gupta Stud Farm LLP & Mr. K. Kaliyaperumal. Trainer: S. Narredu.

5. JAYACHAMARAJA WADIYAR GOLF CLUB MYSORE 2000 GUINEAS: TOUCH OF GREY (TOP CLASS-ZACARA) SURAJ 1, West Brook (Western Aristocrat-Sugar Bay) Akshay K 2, Magnus (Speaking Of Which- Star Nijinsky) Srinath 3 and Red Falcon (Western Aristocrat-St Pauli Girl) Antony 4. 6-1/4, 3 and 1-1/2. 1m, 33.48s. Rs. 21 (w), 11, 11 and 30 (p), SHP: 31, THP: 65, FP: 38, Q: 33, Trinella: 676, Exacta: 3,672. Favourite: Touch Of Grey. Owners: M/s. Balam Mohla, Anil Saraf & Apana Subaiya P. Trainer: S. Narredu.

6. G. NITYANAND MEMORIAL TROPHY: JANEIRO (S. Saqlain) 1, Dame Fonteyn (Angad) 2, Sparkling Night (G. Vivek) 3 and Eloquent (Srinath) 4. Not run: King Of Kesari. 1-1/4, Hd and 3-1/4. 1m, 23.55s. ₹27 (w), 11, 41 and 21 (p), SHP: 46, THP: 58, FP: 523, Q: 360, Trinella: 2,341, Exacta: 6,688 (carried over). Favourite: Janeiro. Owners: Manjri Horse Breed`s Farm Pvt Ltd rep by Mr. Pallon S. Mistry & Alfa Estates Pvt. Ltd. rep by Mr. S.P. Khetan, Mrs. Uma Khetan, Mr. Sarvesh Khetan & Mrs. Priyanka Khetan. Trainer: M. Eshwer.

7. DUPONT PLATE: CATALINA (Antony) 1, Natural One (Inayat) 2, Jaguar (A.K. Aniket) 3 and D Thirteen Twelve (Tousif) 4. 2-3/4, 3-1/4 and 1-3/4. 1m, 11.01s. ₹33 (w), 14, 20 and 22 (p), SHP: 40, THP: 48, FP: 100, Q: 26, Trinella: 475, Exacta: 2,248. Favourite: Natural One. Owner: Mr. Arasi Sharma. Trainer: Rakesh.

Jackpot: ₹1,126 (13 tkts.); Runner-up: 68 (92 tkts.); Mini Jackpot: 621 (two tkts.); Treble (i): 132 (17 tkts.); (ii): 383 (nine tkts.).

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Tender Notice No. RE-SBC-EL-SEMC-08-2023 DT 06.10.2023
The undersigned on behalf of The President of india invite e-tenders for the following works:

SL No	Item of work	Approximate value
1.	Work of integration of energy data from RCC to SEMC in South Western Railways.	₹18,52,500.00

Last date of submission of bid for tender is 27.10.2023 at 15.00 Hours.
For Full details of tender Notice and Tender Documents, tenderer may logon to the web site: www.ireps.gov.in. Keep visiting the website for any corrigendum till closing date.
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Notice Inviting e-Tender
The Executive Engineer, Buildings and Roads (South) Division, PWD., Puducherry invites on behalf of the President of India, online Item rate bids on two / three bid system for the following work.
01) Tender No.38/PW/EE/2023-24 **Name of Work:** Construction of Fish Landing Centres at Periyakalapet, Nallavadu and Construction / Expansion of fishing Harbour at Thengaithittu under Centrally Sponsored Scheme Component of "Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)" **Project-3**: Construction/ Expansion of fishing Harbour at Thengaithittu (Arikanmedu) in Puducherry Region under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) **Tentative Estimate Cost.Rs.39,49,50,000/-** (inclusive of GST) **Earnest Money Deposit: Rs.49,49,500/- Period of Completion**: Eighteen (18) Months (including Monsoon period) **Last time & date of submission of tender 26.10.2023**. The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website **www.pudutenders.gov.in**
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Madhya Pradesh Building Development Corporation invites online tender for the following works in various Districts of Madhya Pradesh :-
1. Construction of MCH and CCHB - 01 Work– **Rs. 2944.87 Lakhs**
2. Construction of State Media Centre (Phase-I) at Bhopal – 01 Work - **Rs.759.66 Lakhs**
3. Construction of IT Park at Pardeshipura Indore – 01 Work **Rs.19583.25 Lakhs**
4. SQC Consultancy Work of Bhopal-1 Division (Part-B) – 01 Work - **Rs. 25000 Lakhs** (Consultancy Fee : Rs.375 Lakhs)

Registration in M.P. PWD Department under appropriate category is required for S. No. 1,2 and 3. Detailed NIT and tender documents can be viewed and purchased online only from **10.10.2023 (18:00 hrs.) to 31.10.2023 (15:30 hrs.)** from website **www.mptenders.gov.in**
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No.MSIL/CF/02/2023-24 Date:07.10.2023
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Sd/- Chief General Manager, Chit Funds

office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Hassan Division, Aranya Bhavan, Hassan
Phone & Fax :08172-268296 Email: dcfhassan@yahoo.in.
No. A5/WL/R.B/CR-13/2023-24 Dated : 05.10.2023
-:RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION:-
E-Tenders (Re-Tender) for the Erection of Railway Barricades by using used Rails in Doddabetta Reserve Forest, Alur Range, Hassan Division for the year 2023-24 are invited through e-procurement portal (http://KPPP.karnataka.gov.in) on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka from Forest Contractors registered in this Division or PWD Class-I Contractors having Registered in this Division for the following works subjected to terms and conditions. Description of Work: Procurement of Used Rails, Transportation and Erection of Railway Barricades – 14.768 Km Units: 23 Nos. Amount (Rs. In Lakhs): 2242.25 Last Date of Receipt of Tender through e-portal : 19.10.2023 up to 16 : 00 hrs
Sd/- (D. Mohan Kumar.IFS,),
Deputy Conservator of Forests, Hassan Division, Hassan.
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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
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Sl.No.RDW&SD/Haveri/PB-1/Tender:07/2023-24/384 Dt : 06-10-2023
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(1) Las date for Tender queries/Clarifications : **13-10-2023** at: 11:00 AM (2) Request of Blank Tender Documents and Receipt of completed Technical & Financial Bid through e-procurement from : **17-10-2023** at: 05:00 PM (3) Date of Technical & Financial Bid Opening (If possible) : **18-10-2023** at: 05:00 PM
Inviting tenders of Water Supply works of Byadagi, Hirekerur & Shiggaon Taluks under NRDWP JJM scheme. Indent No : **(1) RWSSD/2023-24/WS/WORK_INDENT6219 (2) RWSSD/2023-24/WS/WORK_INDENT6229 (3) RWSSD/2023-24/WS/WORK_INDENT5401 (4) RWSSD/2023-24/WS/WORK_INDENT5337 (5) RWSSD/2023-24/WS/WORK_INDENT6217 (6) RWSSD/2023-24/WS/WORK_INDENT6218 (7) RWSSD/2023-24/WS/WORK_INDENT6220 (SC) (8) RWSSD/2023-24/WS/WORK_INDENT6221) (ST)**
The blank tender documents can be downloaded through website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from the date of hosting the tender.
DIPR/HVR/KSMCA/258/2023-24 **Sd/- Executive Engineer, R.D.W&S Division, Haveri**

Asiad Team gold a reminder of a lot more to come: Kynan

It was a great team effort and I consider this success as a stepping stone towards realising my ultimate dream of winning an Olympic medal in Paris next year, says the champion shooter

SHOOTING

V.V. Subrahmanyam
HYDERABAD

Kynan Chenai, a member of the gold-medal winning team in men's trap event in the on-going Asian Games in Hangzhou (China), said that the team gold should spur him to realise his ultimate dream of winning an Olympic medal in Paris next year.

"It was a great team effort. I consider this gold as a stepping stone in that direction. Winning the gold with an Asian Games record is like icing on the cake," the 32-year-old shooter from the City said.

"We will be having a national camp in Delhi from Oct. 10 and prepare for the Olympic qualifying event in Korea soon," he said.

"Honestly, I was expecting to win something after all the efforts myself and the entire coaching staff has put up in the national camp preceding the Asiad," Kynan said in a chat with *The Hindu*.

Ecstatic: Kynan with his father Darius Chenai. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"We had a lot of matches in simulated conditions, trying to get a feel of the kind of pressure and expectation expected in the Asian Games which by no means is any less in terms of standard and competition," said the 2016 Rio Olympian.

There was nothing specific where I had focused. There was a conscious effort to show all-round improvement and stay focused," Kynan said on his way back home.

"Obviously, the entire Indian contingent was trying really hard to reap a rich haul of medals in the Asiad and it was great to see such a terrific show by all the Indian shooters," he said.

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"Apparently, the more finals you appear in, the more experienced you will be. I don't think I can call the Asiad gold as a defining moment of my career, but a reminder of a lot more to come," Kynan whose father Darius Chenai was also a national shooting champion.

"The journey has been immensely satisfying and there was never a thought of quitting at any stage. It is like a 'never enough' feeling that keeps me motivated," he said. "I dedicate this medal to the entire coaching team," signed off the champion shooter.

Verstappen fastest in Qatar Grand Prix practice

Reuters
DOHA

Max Verstappen lapped fastest on Friday in the only practice session for a Qatar Grand Prix weekend set to crown him a triple Formula One World champion.

The weekend is run to a sprint format, with a 100km race on Saturday evening giving the Red Bull driver a first chance to secure the title at the Lusail circuit before Sunday's main event.

Verstappen set a best time of one minute 27.428 seconds, 0.334 quicker than Ferrari's Carlos Sainz, in a session with desert sand blown onto the track by swirling winds.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Big win for Rebels FC

Rebels FC whipped Young Challengers 6-1 in the BDFA Super Division football league on Friday.

The results: MEG & Center FC 1 (Shaikh Muzeeb 58) drew with Kodagu FC 1 (Vignesh Srinivas 80); Rebels FC 6 (T. Amoes 10, 68, S. Gurung 43, 71, 74, L. Khiangte 85) bt Young Challengers 1 (Nikhil Baniya 83).

Mayank wins boys' billiards title

Mayank Karthik won the State ranking sub-junior boys' billiards title here. Karan Seshadri finished second.

The results: Herrick Darin bt Riddhiman Bawane 121-101; Mayank Karthik bt Mustafa 196-28; Karan Seshadri bt Herrick Darin 108-90; Mayank Karthik bt Karan Seshadri 151-112.

Liverpool proves too good for Saint-Gilloise; Brighton battles back

EUROPA LEAGUE

Agence France-Presse
LIVERPOOL

Liverpool closed in on the Europa League knockout rounds with a 2-0 win over Union Saint-Gilloise on Thursday.

Important results: Group A: Freiburg 1 (Sallai 49) lost to West Ham United (ENG) 2 (Paqueta 8, Aguerd 66). **Group B:** Marseille 2 (Mbemba 19, Veretout 20) drew with Brighton 2 (Gross 54, Joao Pedro 88-pen); **Group C:** Real Betis 2 (Diao 9, Isco 79) bt Sparta Prague 1 (Birmancevic 3).

Group E: Liverpool 2 (Gravenberch 44, Jota 90+2) bt Union Saint-Gilloise 0.; **Group G:** Roma 4 (Lukaku 21, Belotti 46, 59, Pellegrini 52) bt Servette 0.

The winner: Diogo Jota scores Liverpool's second against Union Saint-Gilloise. GETTY IMAGES

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